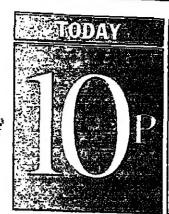
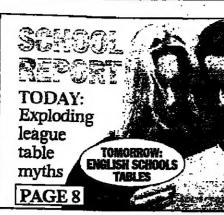
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Apology over Formula One fiasco

Blair promises tough rules on party funding

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Watt

TONY BLAIR today follows up a public apology for his handling of the Formula One debacle with the promise of a swift shake-up of the political funding system designed to give Britain a "healthier demo-

After going on television yester-day to "take full responsibility" for an affair that has led to to the worst crisis of his premiership. Mr Blair today backs national limits on amounts spent by the parties, "modest" ceilings on individual and company donations, and the publication of the names of donors and the amounts they give.

The moves mark a sustained effort by Mr Blair to recover his moral authority in the country, which Labour clearly fears may have been undermined.

Writing in The Times Mr Blair says that, if necessary, he will legislate to force all parties to open up their books about future donations in order to ensure a "level playing field". He calls for the "roughest possible set of rules" about funding, and stringent measures to prevent loopholes and avoidance through a proper policing of the system. He even suggests that business funding might be ended altogether in his vision of a "completely new world of electoral finanœ".

Yesterday, obviously shaken by the affair. Mr Blair admitted he had failed to focus seriously enough on the issue and agreed that the way information had emerged in a piecemeal way was unsatisfactory.

He admitted that he was "hurt and upset" because he had not expected that people would "impugn his motives". But he accepted that it had not been handled well

and he took full responsibility. However, Mr Blair remained unrepentant both about the decision to allow a longer exemption to Formula One for a European-wide ban on tobacco advertising and sponsor-ship, and about his decision to meet Bernie Ecclestone, the boss of Formula One, on October 16 when the Government was considering ways of preventing the proposed ban

damaging British sport. It was a high-risk decision by Mr Blair to offer himself for an interview with John Humphrys on BBC's On the Record programme.

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that make for a healthier democracy ? Tony Blair writes, page 22

It was driven by fears that his strong personal standing with the public, Labour's biggest asset, was in danger of being damaged as a result

of the row. Within Downing Street there is huge regret that all the facts surrounding the Ecclestone donation, and the decision to turn down further gifts, were not released earlier, as some of Mr Blair's most

senior aides had recommended. Mr Blair admitted yesterday: "It should not have come out in dribs and drabs and we should have focused on this earlier . . . I am sorry about this issue. I should have

realised it was going to blow up into this kind of importance but I have honestly done what I thought was best for the country all the way

There were also clear indications last night that the policy which has caused all the trouble could still be changed. Mr Blair made plain that the outcome on the tobacco ban would be decided in negotiations with the European Union, and there were hints that the proposed tenyear exemption for Formula One could eventually be lowered.

In spite of a robust performance, in which he emphasised time and again that he would never change a policy purely because a Labour Party donor would benefit, the Prime Minister failed to clear away all the confusion and doubts that have surrounded the saga.

In the interview Mr Blair said for the first time that he had decided not to accept a further donation from Mr Ecclestone, on top of the £1 million he had given in January, as soon as the Government decided that it would push for an exemption

for Formula One. He also admitted that he wrote to Frank Dobson, the Health Secre-tary, the day after the Ecclestone meeting saying that the position of sport and particularly Formula One would have to be protected. But he said that there was no conflict of interest at that time because the Government had not decided on the exemptions.

Mr Blair also said he was ready to publish the names of all Labour donors since 1992, provided the Conservatives did the same.

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Kate Bushell: popular, talented and lively churchgoing teenager who loved sport and music

Murdered girl, 14, found in field by her father

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A FATHER found his 14-yearold daughter murdered in a field after she failed to return from walking a neighbour's

Kate Bushell had been killed with a sharp instrument, probably a knife, and may have been sexually as-saulted, the police said yesterday. The girl, described as "popular, talented and lively" by her headmaster, took the Jack Russell for an early evening walk near her home on the outskirts of Exeter on Saturday.

Her parents raised the alarm when she failed to return by nightfall. Jeremy Bushell was showing a policeman his daughter's likely route down a muddy lane 300 yards from their home when he found the fully clothed body in the field near a stile. A Home Office pathologist was last night trying to establish whether the schoolgirl had been sexually assaulted.

Detective Superintendent Michael Stephens, who is heading the inquiry, told a news conference. This was a murder of a young innocent girl who was brutally killed just outside a residential area on the outskirts of Exeter.

Mr Stephens described Kate who loved sport and music. She played the piano, clarinet and saxophone and was a keen basketball player. She left home at 4.30pm, just as it was beginning to get dark, wearing a turquoise green kagoule and dark trousers and said she would be out no more than 20 minutes. It was the first time she had taken the dog out. Her parents telephoned the police at 6.44pm. At 7.35pm her father found the body with the dog near by.

Walk to death, page 3

Compensation for workers

The Government will today admit that Britain broke European law on workers' rights for more than a decade paving the way for millions of pounds in compensation.
Public sector workers suf-

ered sweeping cuts in pay and benefits when their jobs were transferred to the private ector in the 1980s Page 52

Henman's title

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Saudi nurse is spared after death right waived

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE British nurse Deborah Parry, who was facing be-heading for murder in Saudi Arabia, had her life spared yesterday when the brother of her alleged victim told a court he was waiving his right to demand the death penalty. Frank Gilford's action also

removes the threat of 500 lashes from Lucille McLauchlan, who has already been convicted for her part in the killing. Mr Gilford, brother of the

alleged victim Yvonne Gilford, is now entitled to a A\$1.7 million (£700,000) settlement, described by some as "blood money", which was brokered with the help of Robin Cook. the Foreign Secretary. Ms Parry's life was saved in two-hour hearing at the

High Sharia Court in Al-Khobar before the judge, Shaikh Saleh Haidan. The procedure was divided into two sessions by a break for midday prayers.

Ghassan Al Awaji of the International Law Firm in Riyadh, who has power of attorney for Mr Gilford, pre-

sented a waiver document and signed the court record. The hearing was attended by the British Consul Lawson Ross and his Australian counter-part Hugh Wilson, reflecting the high-level diplomatic involvement in the deal to save

the two nurses. Michael Abbott QC, the Australian lawyer who repre-sents Mr Gilford, called last night for the money, which he described as compensation, to be handed over within the week. The sum is held in trust



by a large law firm in Austra-lia. Most will go to a hospital for women and children in Adelaide, which will receive

A\$I million in memory of Ms Gilford. Mr Gilford will get A\$50,000 himself, and Muriel Gilford, the bereaved mother, gets A\$17,000. The rest will pay for legal bills. Anything left will go to charity.

Because the Gilfords have

waived their right to demand the death penalty, Ms Parry, from Alton, Hampshire, faces a sentence of only about five years and no physical

Ms McLauchlan, from Dundee, has already been sentenced to eight years plus the lashes, but this will be reduced because it would be unfair for her to get a more severe sentence than Ms Parry, allegedly the main culprit. Lawyers on both sides are now awaiting the conviction

and sentence of Ms Parry. The

nurse can then either begin an 18-month appeal process or throw herself on the mercy of

Yeltsin emerges as Iraq peacemaker

By Ian Brodie in washington and Michael Evans

promised to intervene in the confrontation between the United Nations and Iraq over weapons inspections. The commitment was given

in a weekend telephone call between the Russian leader and President Clinton. Madeleine Albright, the US

Secretary of State, also spoke on the phone to Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, and it was agreed that Moscow would use its "special relationship" with Iraq to try to resolve the crisis.

In a statement the Kremlin said: "Russia firmly intends to take the most active steps aimed at a peaceful end to the Iraq crisis." As a second American air-

craft carrier, the USS George Washington, steamed to-wards the Gulf, Mr Clinton warned of the dangers of President Saddam Hussein acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

He told an audience in California that the showdown with Saddam over UN weap-

PRESIDENT YELTSIN has one inspectors was not a replay of the Gulf War but a battle against organised forces

of destruction. Think about it in terms of the innocent Japanese who died in the subway when the sarin gas was released and how important it is for every responsible government in the world to do everything possible not to let big stores of chemical or biological weapons fall into the wrong hands,"

Mr Clinton said. Eleven commuters died and 5,000 were injured more than two years ago when a religious sect released the nerve gas from their store of several tonnes of chemicals, estimated by the authorities to be enough

to kill five million people. Mr Clinton won the full support of Tony Blair for tough action against Saddam. during a telephone call over the weekend. Mr Clinton also spoke to France's President Chirac and asked him to intervene with Baghdad.

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Battlelines drawn over new Pegasus Bridge museum

By Peter Foster

THE battlelines are being drawn for fresh hostilities at Pegasus Bridge, the much fought over site of the first D-Day liberation from German occupa-

tion in the Second World War. French authorities have now agreed to build a new museum to commemorate the recapture of Pegasus Bridge by airborne troops. Their decision is likely to rekindle a long-running and acrimo-

mean that shortly there will be rival museums pitching for the attention of veterans and tourists. Until October, there had been for

quarter of a century an Airbonne Forces Museum in a building leased from Arlette Gondrée, present owner of the Pegasus Bridge café which was the first building in mainland Europe liberated from the Germans. The decision to build a new museum is intended to end the dispute between nious campaign over the site and could Mme Gondrée and a vociferous group

of veterans who include Major John Howard, the man who led the airborne assault 50 years ago.

Mme Gondree, however, seems in no mood to be outflanked. Last night she attacked the new memorial which she said was in danger of becoming a theme park. "People can see the danger of a Disneyland," she said. She now plans a rival exhibition room on the first floor of the old museum to commemorate the D-Day events. When the lease expired in June Mime

Gondrée first tried to recapture the museum and, in an ensuing fracas, was allegedly thrown over a fence by its curator. Later, armed with a repossession order, she made a successful assault, sending the 8,000 exhibits to a storage depot in nearby

Major Howard, now 83, was very satisfied by the decision last night. This news has cheered me up immensely," he said, "I'm very keen we get started immediately."



Blair insists that Ecclestone gift had no influence

BY NICHOLAS WATT POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister yester-day vigorously defended his decision to exempt Formula One from a ban on tobacco advertising and insisted that he had not been swayed by the donation by Bernie Ecclestone of £1 million to the Labour

In an interview for BBC1's On the Record, Tony Blair emphasised that he had taken swift action to avoid any conflict of interest. Mr Blair insisted that he had done nothing wrong in meeting Mr Ecclestone, the vice-president of the Federation International d'Automobile, on October 16, a few weeks before he decided to exempt Formula One from the ban: and he took the extraordinary step of agreeing to publish the notes of the meeting.

Mr Ecclestone donated £1 million to the party before the general election, and Mr Blair said that he had made a firm commitment" to make further donations.

The Prime Minister said: "We were concerned to make sure that we didn't end up in the situation where we lost Formula One ... [But] We never discussed an exemption of Formula One." At the time of the meeting Mr Blair was looking at options other than exempting Formula One.

Mr Blair pointed out that Mr Ecclestone had held dis-cussions with other European Union leaders."What would be odd, particularly after he had seen other heads of government -- that because he had been a donor you refuse to see him ... I had absolutely no intention of changing the policy because of the interests

of Bernie Ecclestone." Mr Blair agreed to publish notes of the meeting, made by an official, to prove that it had not influenced policy. He said:

BLAIR'S WORDS OF EXPLANATION

stone's people we could not accept any further donations." Mr Blair decided that Lab-

our should write to Sir Patrick

Neill, the standards watch-

dog, to seek his advice about

what the party should do with

Mr Ecclestone's original dona-

tion. The Prime Minister said:

We got his advice back on

Monday [November 10]. We published that advice and we

Conservatives criticised Mr Blair after he failed to mention

the possibility of a second

donation in the Commons last

week. Mr Blair insisted he had

not misled the House. He said

that as no further money had

been received, and he had

decided that none would be

accepted, "it couldn't have had

Mr Blair said he was "per-fectly happy to disclose the names of donors" immediate-

ly, "going back from 1992, provided that it is not just

Labour that has to do this but

that individual donations

could be limited. "You could

say, if you wanted, that it was

a £5,000 limit. I'm not commit-

ting myself to that. If Sir

Patrick was to recommend

He added: "If you are going

to have no state funding, but

private donations, I can't see

how it's going to be possible to

you then say you can't accept a

donation. It's a point of princi-

Towards the end of the

interview, Mr Blair said that

he had not lost the trust of the

electorate: "I hope that people

know me well enough to

realise I would never do

anything to harm the country or anything improper. I think

most people who have dealt

with me think I'm a pretty straight sort of guy and I am."

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The Prime Minister said

any possible impact".

the other parties too."

followed it to the letter."

On meeting Ecclestone "I think it would have been bizarre if the bloke had been in a worse position as a result of donating to the Labour Party. I had absolutely no intention whatever of changing the policy because of the interests of Bernie Ecclestone."

On further donations "Though we thought there had been a firm commitment to further donations to Labour back in May ... no money had been received or paid over and I had then rescinded, as it were, the offer, so it couldn't have had any possible impact."

On disclosure "I am perfectly happy to disclose the names of donors."

On honesty

"I think most people who have dealt with me think I'm a pretty straight sort of guy — and I am."

formal minute because there was no decision taken at that meeting and nothing actually new was said really.

In the week beginning Nov-ember 3, the Government decided to exempt Formula One from a proposed EU ban on tobacco advertising and sponsorship. As soon as the Government informed the European Commission of its decision, Mr Blair acted to prevent a conflict of interest.

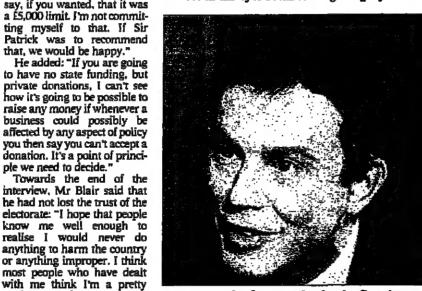
He told the BBC: "At that point in time. I said — of course we can't accept any further donations from Mr Ecclestone. Before any journalists had been in touch with "He did not make it into a us we had told Mr Eccle-



Blair looks pointedly at Humphrys ...



... as his eyes seem to bulge angrily ...



... we notice face powder for the first time

The honeymoon is over despite effort to make up

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gued at the same time for innocence, yet loss of estatrol. The sweaty lip, the flowering eyeballs, the worn, strained and scratchy look, and the impression of a touch too much malk-up may stay in viewers' minds long after the arguments are over.
A relaxed John Humphrys, fin-

gering his chin coolly, caused the Prime Minister to appear rattled and angry, and say nothing very much. The credit Mr Blair had bought by volunteering this interview he spent through an appear-ance of being cornered. Within months, few outside the world of political journalism

vill remember much of what Humphrys asked or Blair replied. Instead, they will remember the look and sound of an embattled premier; they will remember the way his eyes seemed to buige angrily, just as Margaret Thatcher's used to: they may remember noticing face powder for the first

time; and they may remember a moment when the Prime Minister seemed close to losing his rag as he told Humphrys, with the implied menace of an over-weaning head prefect, to "spit it out" and hiding his own opinions behind those of others.

I felt some sympathy for Mr Blair. Time and again politicians are reminded (John Major often was — to no effect) that however peeved you feel, it never helps to sound peeved. Blair looked and sounded utterly exasperated. It could be righteous indignation that makes him so, but the impression was of impotent fury a loss of control of events. In a Prime Minister this does not do. and in Tony Blair we have hardly seen it before.

"Do you regret that?" asked Humphrys."I explain it," shot Blair, with an air of irritated rationality,"But you're still not saying, 'I got things wrong?" the Prime Minister's face looked like

This Prime Minister has thunder Under pressure. Mr Blair never looked so downright sends confusing signals. His per-cross. His frustration arsends confusing signals. His per-formance remains fairly con-trolled. It was notable that at awkward moments he was struggling with a desire to look down at the table rather than up at his interviewer, but determined to gaze Humphrys in the eye at key points, which he did in an almost studied way. One was reminded of a of drama school graduate or a Dale Carnegie course in making friends and influencing people.

Yet, despite iron self-possession and a beautiful suit, an impression persists of Mr Blair's being in some way adrift, awaiting instruc-tions. Flere was a Bertie Wooster, seriously in the soup, screaming silently for his Jeeves.

As we watched Mr Blair before Sunday lunch, and recalled Rory Bremner's caricature the evening before of a cocky and over-wired marionette, Bremner never looked crueller. The Prime Minister's penultimate line rang true for me. He would never, he said, do anything he be-lieved wrong for the country. Watching him as he spoke few will have felt they were

looking at a crook. But his final line was less convincing. "The country's got to look at me and, in a sense, got todecide whether the person they believed in is the same person they've got now." It was unwise to ask viewers to make that compari-son. Even his supporters may have felt they had just watched a man different in many ways from the Tony Blair who first took over the Labour Party. He seemed to have lost authority. His plea that we trust him carried the echo of a husband accused of infidelity, assuring his wife she is looking at the same man as the one who proposed to her and carried her over the threshold; nothing has changed. But of course, everything

MATTHEW PARRIS

has. These melancholy exchanges

do take place, once the honeymoon

NEWS IN BRIEF Prudential sorry for pensions scandal

dential Corporation, has apologised publicly for the pensions mis-selling scandal, under which about half a million people were wrongly advised to leave occupational schemes in favour of highcharging personal pensions.

Sir Peter, who heads the Government's Welfare to Work programme, said he was ashamed at his firm's role in the debacle. Speaking on BBC2's The Money Programme, he said: "We're doing everything we can to deal with it as quickly as we can.

Warning on the Hamilton verdict

Anthony King, Professor of Government at the University of Essex and a founding member of the Nolan committee, says in a letter to The Times today that the Com-mons Standards and Privileges Committee has left the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards in an ambigu-ous and unsatisfactory position" following its decision on Neil Hamilton.

Letters, page 23 Lottery cash to buy sail ships

Two deep-sea tall ships, which will enable double the present number of young people to test their skills on a traditional sailing ship, are to be bought with the help of National

Lottery cash.

The Sail Training Association is to fit out the two steel hulls in British boatvards to a British design at a cost of El0 million, £3.5 million of which has been provided by lottery funds.

Police expert in guns inquiry

A police gun expert has been suspended during an inquiry into his own claims for compensation under the legislation to outlew handgens. South Yorkshire Police are investigating claims made by DC will Lander, who supervised the forces collection of 2,000 full-bore weapons and advised the Home Office and other forces on firearms issues, over his personal collection of 10 firearms.

Attack victim left for two days

A burglary victim was attacked with an axe, bound and left bleeding in his home for two days before a visitor found him. The victim was last night recovering in hospital with serious injuries as detectives began to hunt the masked intruder who confronted him at his flat in Newton-le-Willows. Merseyside, last week. Police want to trace a woman who sold a number of CDs at a shop near the victim's home.

Centre to combat antiquity looting

A research centre to combat the trade in illicit antiquities looted from archaeological sites will be launched in London tomorrow. It will be led by Professor Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn, director of the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research at Cambridge University. The new centre says the real value of artifacts is destroyed once they are removed from their ar-

Hague seeks Branson knighthood

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT RICHARD BRANSON, who last week

publicly criticised Tony Blair's decision to exclude Formula One from the tobacco sponsorship ban, is being recommended for a knighthood by William Hague. The move has surprised Mr Branson.

The head of the Virgin empire has met Mir Hague only once, at the formal handover of Hong King to China, and has become firmly identified with the Blair administration. The Tory leadership refused to comment last night on a letter which Mr Hague has sent to Downing Street urging a knighthood for Mr Branson. The Tory leader has also recommended Martin Taylor, the chief executive of Barclays

Bank, who is also regarded as a supporter of the new Government. The Tories dismissed as speculation the idea that Mr Hague has also recommended Bernie Ecclestone for a knighthood. Mr Branson declined to discuss the

prospect of being known as Sir Richard. I don't know anything about this," he said last night. Friends said it was by no means certain that he would accept a knighthood if one was offered. Mr Branson, who has been approached

unsuccessfully by the big political parties for donations, will continue to work with the Government to try to find alternative forms of sponsorship for sport. In a letter to The Independent today, Mr Branson speaks of his pleasure at attending a government conference three months ago

where ministers pledged to ban all. sponsorship of sport by tobacco-companies within three years: "The week before last I was telephoned in the United States by an embarrassed minister, to be told that Formula One would be excluded. I pointed out that I felt bitterly disappointed as I was sure the rest of the country would. That to treat a rich sport paying drivers £5 million a year differently from sports like cricket, fishing or snooker just

did not stack up." Mr Branson scorned the argument that up to 50,000 jobs would be lost if Formula One had not been extuded: "They were breaking their election pledges and letting millions of young non-smokers down. knew most of the teams well and they were committed to England."



Banks confident of ban on hunting

POLITICAL REPORTER

TONY BANKS, the Sports Minister, yesterday gave the clearest signal yet that hunting may be outlawed before the next election. Mr Banks, a long-time animal welfare campaigner, said the Government had already indicated that it would allow time during this Parliament for anti-hunting

Speaking on BBCI's Breakfast with Frost, Mr Banks said: "I'm confident that we're actually going to get it through in the course of this Parliagoing to be happy."
His comments follow the

Government's decision not to allocate time during this Parends in the autumn of 1998 for the passage of a Private Member's Bill that would ban hunting with hounds. Ministers feared that it

would provoke lengthy arguments in the House of Lords, allowing Conservative peers to delay the passage of key Government legislation including Bills to create the Scottish Parliament and the

ment ... as long as we get it Welsh Assembly. However, through in this Parliament I'm their decision not to back the their decision not to back the Bill is known to have angered some of those Labour MPs who oppose hunting, and Downing Street has not dis-couraged speculation that time might be found for antihunting legislation.

Mr Banks said that he would support the Bill, which has been put forward by the Labour MP for Worcester, Michael Foster. It has its second reading in the Commons on November 28. "I think we'll get a massive majority in the House of Commons and I think that

party, managers can then draw their own conclusions from that subsequently." One possibility is that the Government will allow time for another Private Member's Bill after it has abolished the voting rights of hereditary peers. Or it might propose a

ban on hunting as a single

clause in a Government Bill

that is guaranteed cross-party

support. Labour's election manifesto committed the party to allowing its MPs a free vote on hunting but stopped short of promising Parliamentary time for legislation.

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Last walk of a friendly neighbour

Helpful pupil Kate was killed doing a good turn

DARKNESS was beginning to fall as Kate Bushell put on her turquoise cagoule and told her parents she was going out for no more than 20 minutes to walk the neighbour's Jack Russell, Gemmma.

She had volunteered so that the neighbours could go away for the weekend, a gesture friends said was typical of Kate who would go out of her way to help anyone. The route she took along Exwick Lane divides the private estate of modern red-brick boxes from unspoilt countryside

Exwick is a sprawling suburb which meanders up the hillside on the other side of the river and railway line from Exeter city centre. At 4.30 on Saturday evening it would still have been possible to look out over the rooftops to the 11thcentury cathedral of St Peter's.

When their daughter did not return Kate's parents Jeremy, 44, and Susan, 41, became concerned. The murder team of 80 officers, who yesterday sealed off the lane where the body was found and began house to house inquiries, have little to go on. They do not know whether Kate's killer was lying in wait for a

BURRATOR DRIVE

missing by parent



Maddern: he said Kate was a model pupil

home or may even have arranged to meet her in the unlit

Thomas's High School where Kate was a "model" pupil said it had been the 14-year-old's ultimate ambition to go to Oxford, Steve Maddern said: Kate Bushell certainly had the academic ability. She was a popular, talented and lively girl, and her murder hits at the core of our school."

More immediately, she had her debut with the school's basketball team to look forward to this week. She was also a member of the school

EXWICK LANE

father finds her

Kate's parents yeserday afternoon. He described them as distraught" and said: "One thing Kate's mother said to me was that you never had to remind her to do her homework. In fact she had done half of her weekend's homework before taking the dog for a

A lone bouquet was tied to the gates of the 1,200 pupil high school with the words "Why? You will always be missed written on a note attached to it. Mr Maddern said: "Kate

had a promising future and was a keen musician. She had a ready smile and was fun to be with, she was intelligent, co-operative and mature in her outlook. She was everything you could hope for in a student. Her loss will be felt throughout the school and we are making special assembly and counselling arrangements tomorrow to help students and staff come to terms with this dreadful tragedy.
"Students and staff will be

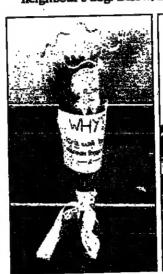
shocked and numbed by this awful news and our hearts go out to Kate's family and friends who will be devastated by the loss of one so young who had everything to live for. We can only hope that the police catch whoever is responsible for this sickening crime as quickly as possible.

Prayers were said for her at the Sunday morning service held by the evangelical Isca Fellowship where the Bushell family worship. Church elder Stephen Randall said: "Kate was the least likely girl I can imagine this happening to. Our reaction is one of pure horror." Mr Randall, 36, described how Kate was involved in raising funds for Bosnian charities and was a regular helper at the church which meets in a local school.

The family moved to their modern, three-bedroom detached home in Exwick seven years ago. Mr Bushell is believed to have taken early retirement from his job with Devon county council's education department last year to devote his time to charitable work in Bosnia. Another neighbour said he had recently returned from an aid trip Balkans. By an unlikely



Police standing guard at the lane in Exwick, where Kate Bushell, 14, was found murdered after walking a neighbour's dog. Below, flowers left at the scene, and the house to which the Bushells moved seven years ago



coincidence, the murder victim Lin Russell, who was killed in a frenzied hammer attack in Kent 18 months ago, lived in the same street when her husband, Shaun, was a lecturer at the university in the

Many people walk their dogs in the same narrow lane which passes close to the national training centre at Cleve House. Emma Browse, aged 14, one

of Kate's best friends, laid flowers close to the spot where she was killed. She said: "I don't know how anyone could do something like this to Kate. she wouldn't harm anyone. It is such a shame because she was so brainy and she would have got very good GCSEs.

She would always help others and never do anything to put anyone else down. There have been rumours going around about the lane where she was killed. I would not have gone

Other local youngsters said there had been rumours about people being chased down the

up there before this happened

and I certainly will not do so

narrow lane last year and they had stayed away from it.

Jill Daniel, a neighbour, said: "I did not know the girl very well but I did see her out walking a friend's dog while I was walking my spaniel. The lane where she was killed is popular with dog walkers and leads down past the Blind Dog centre towards open

Abortion law faces challenge on raped teenager

By AUDREY MAGEE

RELAND is facing a repetition of a High Court battle over abortion, as a 13-year-old girl seeks permission to have a termination in Britain. The teenager, allegedly raped by a family friend last August, is

three months pregnant. She is under the care of the Health Board, which is seeking clearance from the courts. The case, disclosed yesterday, is certain to cause upheaval. In 1992, the High Court stopped a 14-year-old rape victim from travelling to Britain for a termination.

Thousands of people took to the streets to protest at the injunction. The Supreme Court eventually overturned the ban, concluding that she was at risk of suicide if she did not have an abortion, but the girl miscarried before reach-

ing England. Until 1992, abortion and information about its availability in Britain were banned in Ireland. Advertisments for British abortion clinics were regularly ripped out of maga-zines or blackened before sale. After the case, however, abortion became possible if the life of the mother was at risk. although there are no clinics

openly performing abortions. Two referendums held in 1992 now allow Irish women access to information about British clinics and the right to travel to them. This latest case will test whether the 1992 changes apply only to individuals or also to state bodies responsible for minors.

The girl at the centre of the current case is from an itiner-ant Dublin family. Her parents placed her in the care of the Health Board after the 24year-old alleged rapist threatened to harm her if she reported the crime. The parents and the board agree that she should have an abortion.

Her father told an Irish Sunday newspaper: "We pray that God will forgive us for wanting the abortion, but we feel that our daughter will be tortured for the rest of her life if she has a rape baby." Pro-Life groups yesterday held special meetings to discuss the

Mother loses children on 'technicality'

By Frances Gibb, legal corresponden

to uproot her children and take them to her estranged husband in France after he succeeded in using the Hague Convention on child abduetion to secure their return. The children, aged 12 and 9, had only lived for nine months of their lives in France.

Hélène Lawrence left Newhaven on Friday to meet a High Court deadline for her to comply with the custody order obtained by her husband. Normally the Hague Con-

vention on child abduction is used in "tug of love" cases where one parent illegally seizes children from the other and absconds from their country of residence. This order was granted to

British-horn David Lawrence, an electrical engineer living near Paris, after the couple decided to move to France last autumn with their two child-Edward, 12, and Gabrielle, 9. Nine months later, in July, the relationship broke down and Mrs Lawrence, 45, who has lived in Britain for 20 years although she is French-born, returned

to their home in Hampshire.

A WOMAN has been ordered made an application under the Hague Convention, although normally a custody order would not be granted where children had been resident in the country from which they had been removed for less than a year.

Mrs Lawrence, said yesterday that the children were devastated at having to leave school and their friends again. She is in touch with Reunite, the national council for abducted children, which is concerned that she fell foul of a legal technicality because she did not go to a solicitor with expertise in child abduction law. Denise Carter, the director, said: "Our view is that the court should never have granted this application."It should have looked more carefully at

These children had only been in France for nine months and therefore it is questionable whether it could not really be called their country of habitual residence. But, because Mrs. Lawrence had agreed willingly to follow her husband to France, that had counted against her in determining the children's habitual residence.

Missing girl, 13, may be on her way to Spain

AIRPORTS and ports were put on alert yesterday for a 13-year-old girl believed to have rum off with a customer she met at her mother's bar on the Costa del Sol.

Police fear Sally Claydon secretly kept in touch with the 47-year-old man known as Bruce after returning to her home in Harlow, Essex, from Fuengirola earlier this month. The blonde teenager vanished with her passport and summer clothes on Saturday.

Sergeant Karen Brimson, of Essex Police, said Sally looked mature for her years and



could be travelling in a white Transit van. The indications are that she is leaving the country, possibly heading back to Spain," she said.

Sally's mother, Sharon Walsh, who ran the Captain Hook bar in Fuengirola before returning to Britain on November 3, is said to be distraught. Her daughter had met "Bruce" often in the bar but, unknown to her, had kept in touch after they returned to Britain on the same ferry. She discovered the relation-

ship only when she found her missing on Saturday night and could not find her despite numerous telephone calls to friends. Sergeant Brimson said that, although Sally had pretended to her mother that she had hated Spain, she told schoolfriends that she had had a wonderful time.

Pieces of the jigsaw are all fitting together. It has all been planned," she said. "She apparently changed a lot in Spain. She's only taken the more adult clothes, like skimpy dresses, and left her She has told her schoolfriends she is not a schoolgirl anymore and is more like 21."

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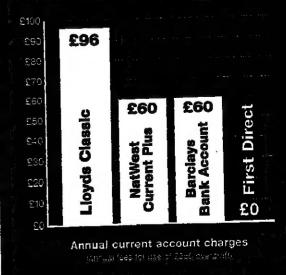
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Her husband successfully Italian taste for spice turns sour

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ITALY, which invariably gives a warm welcome to British pop groups, should have been the place where the Spice Girls halted the sudden downward spiral of Girl Power and relaunched themselves on a wave of adoration. It didn't quite

instead, Italians gave them the thumbs down at the weekend, comparing them unfavourably to Oasis — "the real voice" of today's neo-pop, not a passing synthettic creation - who were rapturously received in Bologna and who are eagerly

awaited today in Milan. To make matters worse the girls hotel on the Via Veneto was about with rumours - denied all round - that Emma Bunton (Baby Spice), the alleged cause of the band's troubles because of her "relationship" with Simon Fuller,

their sacked manager, had chosen Rome to seal the band's demise by absconding with him. Hotel staff confirmed that Bunton had left the building "before dawn" for "a rendezvous", and had

missed breakfast. By coincidence - or not, since he presumably knew their European tour schedule by heart - Rome was where Mr Fuller took refuge after being fired. But Bunton returned and appeared

with the other four on television yesterday afternoon. Geri Halliwell (Ginger Spice) pointedly told the audience on the afternoon chat show Domenica In (Sunday In): "We are all together." But they performed only one song and left before the bemused presenter could ask them anything. He was left gazing at their departing backs

as they called "Arrivederci" over their

Only a month go, the Italians were hailing the Spice Girls - along with the England football team - as the vanguard of Tony Blair's Britain. But the gloss appears to have worn off. "Not so spicy after all," said the headline in La Repubblica yesterday. "Spice Girls land in a desert of fans," declared II Messaggero.

The contrast with Oasis could hardly have been sharper. "The difference is obvious," said Corriere della Sera. Oasis are manipulated, like all pop groups, but they are original and have natural talent. The Spice Girls are merely a synthetic creation, dreamed up in a laboratory, with a limited expectancy.

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After all, they say, foxes are themselves killers and need to be controlled.

Whilst it's true that foxes do occasionally take lambs, many of these are likely to be already dead.

(20% of lambs born each year die from hypothermia, mainutrition or disease, or are stillborn.) And the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food estimates the number of lambs taken by foxes to be not significant.

The notion that hunting is necessary to control the fox population is equally unfounded.

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seeking to ban hunting with

Royal Train could be heading for the sidings

By DOMINIC KENNEDY

The Royal Train could be stapped as part of a radical resonn of the monarchy, accading to one of the Queen's funer aides.

The train was already under threat from MPs after official figures showed it had cost tampayers £12.3 million in five years, an average of £67,000 for each of its 183 journeys.

The death of Diana, Princess of Wales has accelerated the reform of the monarchy, with a slimmed-down, cheaper version of the Royal Family now likely, says Simon Gimson, who left his post as head of the Palace Policy Unit

Abdication is ruled out, and so is skipping a generation to let Prince William take the crown instead of the Prince of Wales. But the Royal Family will be slimmed down naturally, he says: "We have a lot of active members of the Royal Family at the moment," Mr Ginson, speaking with the consent of the Palace, tells tonight's Panorama on BBCl.

There are a good dozen and I think over time, if one looks

BUTLER HELPS TO CHOOSE MEMORIAL

The butler who served Diana, Princess of Wales for nine years and was honoured by the Queen for his services last week, is to help to decide on a fitting memorial to his former employer (Peter Foster writes). Paul Burrell, 39, became a confident of the late Princess during his time at Kensington Palace. Downing Street has confirmed that Mr Burrell, awarded the Royal Victori-

Mr Gimson says the Princess's death has speeded

probably needs to move down

rapidly than it has been until

"The organisation

an Medal on the nomination of the Princess, will sit on a government committer of ten members, to be chaired by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor. Mr Brown is expected to announce the full list of members later this week. Names linked to the committee include Earl Spencer and Lady Sarah McCorquo-dale, Baroness Chalker and Lord Attenborough.

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in a bald, actuarial way at it, members of the Royal Family who are currently very active are going to get old . . . If you look at the next generation coming through, there are far fewer who will be there to do public engagements in ten or

that."

The 150-year-old train, run by a private American firm, Wisconsin Railways, has bullet-proof windows as teel-plated sides. Its top speed is 100mph, slower than the InterCity trains which the

Queen is said to favour. It has 14 coaches, but rarely are they all used.

Mr Gimson, who had been Special Assistant to the Queen's Private Secretary Sir Robert Fellowes, admits the Palace was concerned about public reaction in the week after the Princess's death. "We weren't sure which way the mood was going to swing," he says. "I think there was some hostility there originally."

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He denies that the Royal Family failed to capture the public mood. "What they perhaps don't do is foghorn, is trumpet their emotions, they simply keep it to themselves and then at an appropriate time express themselves."

The Palace acknowledged

the public mood for change and reform, he says. "People have been demanding a slimmed-down monarchy for a long time. It's going to happen inevitably." Mr Gimson adds that the Prince of Wales has for some time been taking on greater responsibility and says of the idea of skipping a generation to favour Prince William: "It isn't going to happen."



The Prince of Wales and Lady Tryon at a charity polo match in July 1991

Lady Tryon died after skin graft operation

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

LADY TRYON, described by the Prince of Wales as "the only woman who really understands me", died after a skin graft, it was disclosed vesterday.

She developed blood poisoning after the minor operation last week to treat bed sores. Lady Tryon, 49, nicknamed Kanga by the Prince when he met her in Australia, was confined to a wheelchair last year after becoming paralysed from the waist down when she fell from the first-floor window of a private health clinic.

She died in the intensive care unit of the London Clinic. With her were her elder daughter, Zoe, who had flown from Australia. and her brother, Derek Harper. Lord Tryon — they married in 1973 — had filed for divorce in September on the ground that she caused him a stress-related illness.

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Anniversary is a testing time for the Queen

reform.

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THIS week's golden wedding anniversary of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh looks like turning into a major couple's own wish that it be an essentially family affair. Several planned public appearances will be an opportunity to test public reaction to the monarchy after the the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. when the Queen was criticised for her decision to remain at Balmoral while London saw an unprecedented outpouring of public grief.

Official celebrations begin tomorrow, when the Queen and the Duke travel to the City of London for a Guildhall lunch hosted by the Lord Mayor. In the evening, the couple and most of the remaining crowned heads of Europe will attend a gala concert at the Royal Festival Hall, masterminded by Prince Edward.

Ian Holm, Sir Donald Sinden and Dame Diana Rigg will perform extracts from Shakespeare's plays and sonnets to tell a story of courtship and marriage. Musical performances will range from John Dankworth and Dame Cleo Laine to the London Philharmonic Orchestra and operatic

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soloists. The programme includes the balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet, Tonight from West Side Story and the

love duet from Verdi's Otello.
On Thursday, the actual anniversary, the Queen and Prince will attend a televised thanksgiving service in Westminster Abbey, where they were married. Afterwards, they are expected to go on a walkabout in Parliament Square around midday, before being greeted at 10 Downing Street by the Prime Minister and his wife. The four will then walk across Whitehall to Inigo Jones's Banqueting House, the last remaining vestige of the old royal palace of Whitehall, for a lunch biosed by the Government, at which most members of the Cabinet are expected to

In the evening, the royal couple will finally achieve some degree of privacy, when they attend a ball in the newly restored apartments of Windsor Castle for themselves, their family, their guests and friends. For the Queen, the completion of fire damage repair to her favourite official residence is the best anniversary gift she could have wished for.

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Gulf War pesticides linked to illness

NEW evidence has emerged that exposure to toxic pesti-cides in the Gulf War may be directly linked to the illnesses suffered by veterans of the conflict over the last six years.

Fresh research into the health hazards arising from exposure to organophosphate pesticides has revealed that at least 10 per cent of people exposed over a period of time to the pesticides developed a disorder that led to brain

Exposure to sprays could lead to brain damage, writes Michael Evans

Robert Davies, a consultant psychiatrist and a member of the Organophosphate Scientific Forum, will strengthen demands for compensation from the 1,300 Gulf War veterans who have been given official diagnoses of a range of illnesses. including chronic fatigue, skin disorders, muscular pains and shortness of Although government stud-

A BAN on a new generation of sheep

dips is being demanded by anglers,

landowners and salmon experts amid

claims that the chemicals are killing

rivers. Tiny amounts of the chemicals -

introduced as alternatives to dips which

were linked with ill health in farmers -

can cradicate the insects and invertebrate

life in a water course, studies have found.

called synthetic pyrethroids, threaten the rivers in Scotland, the North West, Wales

Critics fear the spread of the dips,

the veterans' claims that they are suffering from a unique Gulf War syndrome, one of the official research programmes is currently examining the possible risks from

River guardians call for ban on sheep dips

ies have so far failed to back

only limited. organophosphate poisoning.
Organophosphate pesticide
spraying of British tents in
Saudi Arabia was carried out Dr Davies, consultant at a psychiatric hospital in Taun-ton, undertook three studies over 18 months, examining about 450 people who claimed to have suffered from organoalthough it took two years for

By NICK NUITALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

Salmon and Trout Association and

chairman of the Environment Agency's

day that the Eden was one of Britain's

finest salmon and trout rivers. It is a

proposed Special Area of Conservation

under the European Species and Habi-tats Directive because of its fish life.

"The problem with these new products

is that they are particularily lethal. A teaspoon can kill hundreds of metres of

river by killing aquatic insect life which is

regional advisory committee, said yester

told ministers that the use of

such toxic insecticides was

the Conservative Government to announce this fact in the Commons, after Ministry of including Gulf War soldiers. farmers and horticultural Defence officials incorrectly

workers. In a scientific paper he has sent to the Department of Health and the Lancet, Dr Davies has renamed the syndrome Chronic OP-Induced Neuropsychiatric Disorder. He said he and a colleague. Ghose Ahmed, also a consu tant psychiatrist, found the

organophosphate sheep dips which have

been blamed for a range of ailments

among farmers. The new chemicals are

less toxic to man. But critics claim the

Government's Veterinary Medicines Di-

rectorate, under pressure to find alterna-

tives to organophosphates, have failed to

assess the wider environmental impact.

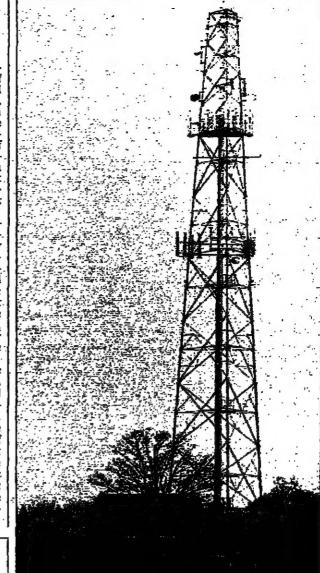
The Environment Agency said yester-day that it was visiting farmers to advise

them about the dangers of the new dips to the environment. It will next week be

causal link between organo-phosphates (OP) and Gulf War syndrome. "Victims all describe the same symptoms, unlike any encountered in general psychiatry before," he said, adding: "It's not depression or anxiety, it's a pattern of brain, nerve and muscle damage which is expressed in mood instability. I cannot yet say if the damage is perma-

Among the symptoms iden-tified by Dr Davies were flulike illness, personality change, characterised by de-pression and irritability, impulsive suicidal thinking and language disorder. He said: The work establishes that these people's symptoms have definitely been caused by OP. There is no doubt, no stronger scientific proof could be

Dr Davies criticised the official study into the health risks of OP. now being carried out by the Institute of Occupa-tional Health in Edinburgh. He said: "It will largely ignore the psychological damage of exposure to the chemical. That study is now very limited. In my view it was deliberately. rigged to avoid looking at psychiatric illnesses because of the compensation implic-



The radio mast brings in £33,000 a year in rent

Hundreds signal interest in mast

A 160ft radio mast, on the avoid the countryside turning market at £160,000, has at imm a giant pincushion. The tracted more than 300 inquiries from potential buyers. (Dominic Kennedy writes).

Some of those showing an interest are refugees from the stock market who believe the narrow pole at Hill Farm Radio Station, near Fulbourn in Cambridgeshire, has a more stable future than the FTSE index.

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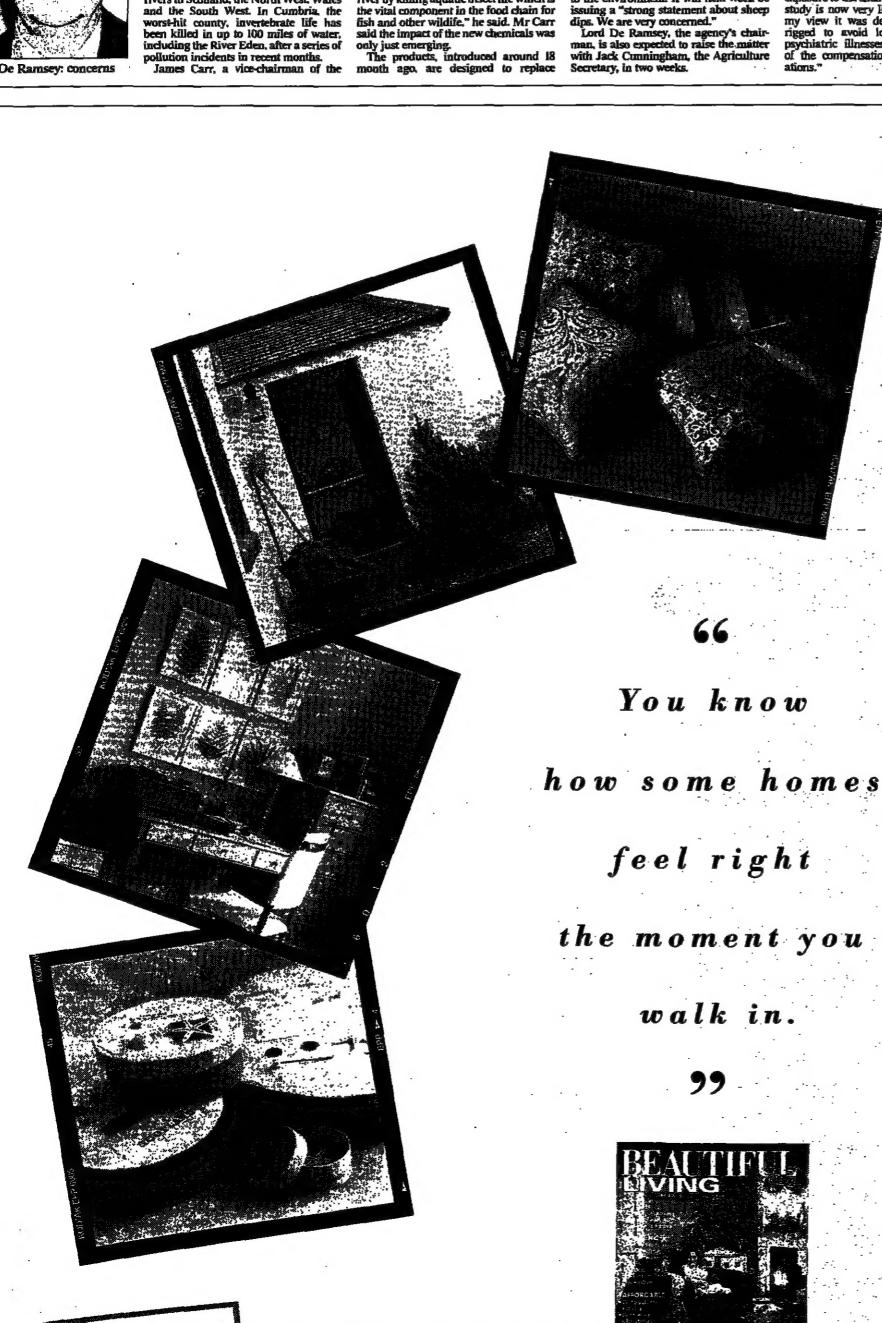
into a giant pincushion. The Hill Farm pole, annual rent £33,000 is already shared by half a dozen groups, including mobile telephone networks and paging organisations. Leo Hickish, a parmer in

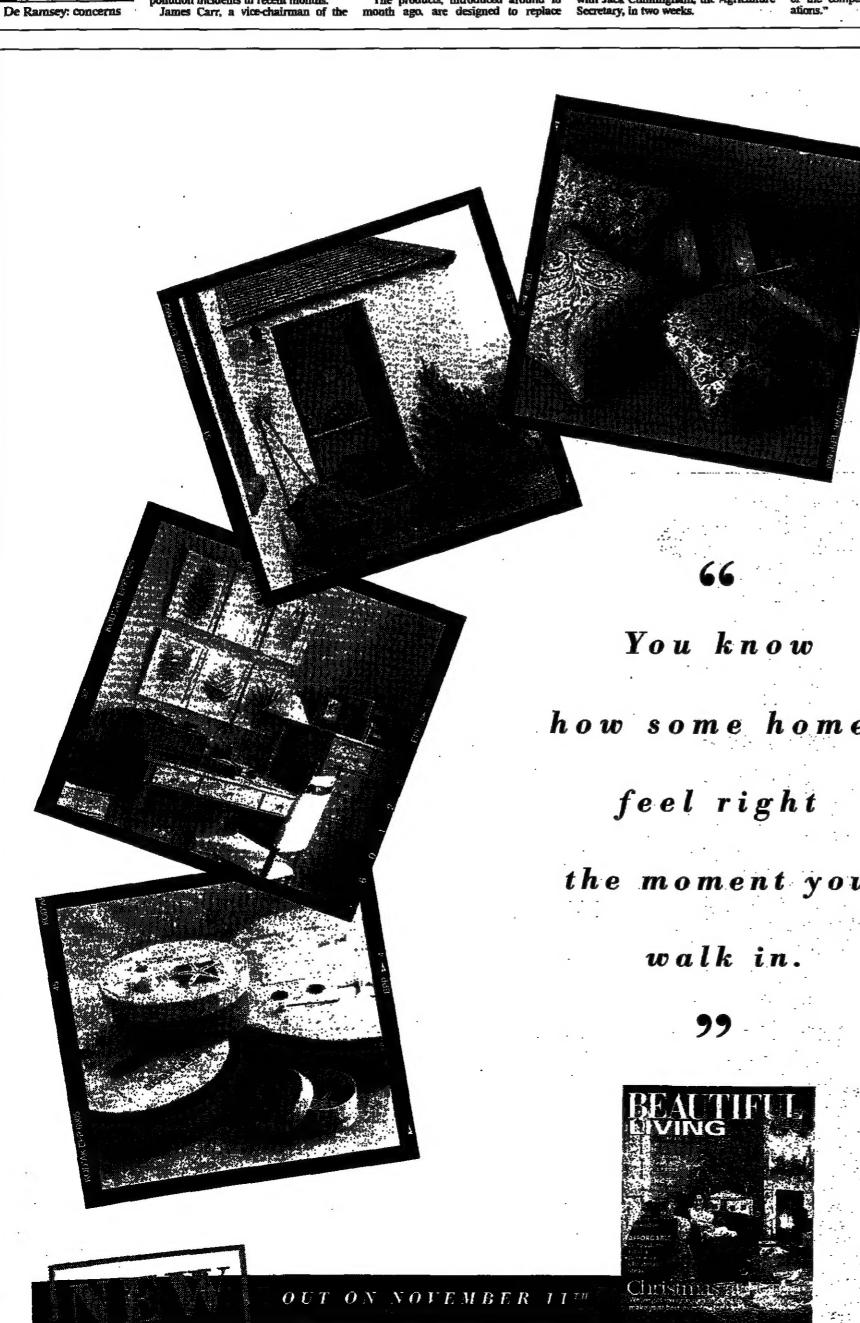
Strutt & Parker, the estate agents handling the sale, was surprised that a country pole was now as desirable as a country pile. This is a novelty." he said. "It is of a par to everything goes ballistic."

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Adams to visit No 10 as rebels defy peace

GERRY ADAMS, Sinn Fein's ing the leadership at a secret president, will shortly become the first Irish republican leader in three quarters of a century to visit Downing

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Sinn Fein officials said yesterday that a meeting between Mr Adams and Tony Blair was likely before Christmas. Less than seven years ago the IRA fired three mortars at No 10 during a meeting of John Major's Gulf War

Andrew Mackay, the Shad-ow Northern Ireland Secretary, called such a meeting "distinctly premature" and a likely "propaganda coup for Sinn Fein-IRA". Unionists also expressed anger, but it could help Mr Adams at a time when disaffected republican hardliners are openly can narouners are openly challenging his peace strategy. In a weekend telephone call to a New York radio station, one of the dissidents claimed that they would form a group this week to oppose the Sinn Fein and IRA leadership.
The sister of one of the most

prominent of the ten republican hunger strikers who died in 1981 was expected to be named the group's spokes-woman. She lives with the former quartermaster-general who resigned from the IRA after unsuccessfully challeng-



summit last month.

The caller claimed growing support for the rebellion. Sinn Fein and the IRA insist that a mere handful dissidents are greatly exaggerating their

own strength.

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, said she did not believe either the ceasefire or the peace process were under threat, but security officials fear that the dissidents' appeal could grow un-less the leadership can show dividends from its participa-tion in the Stormont talks.

The Downing Street meeting would be one such divi-dend. Mr Blair met Mr Adams behind closed doors at Stormont last month, and is now meeting leaders of all the eight participating parties at Downing Street, but to invite Mr Adams and Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, would still be a hugely symbolic gesture, conferring legitimacy on Sinn

The world's media would be able to film the two MPs entering No 10 and afterwards holding a press conference. The meeting would help to offset a likely delay until the new year of the Government's response to fresh evidence it received from the Irish Government earlier this year about the events of Bloody Sunday.

Last month, Labour sources said Dr Mowlam was "mov-ing towards" a review and formal apology for the fatal shooting of 14 demonstrators by members of The Parachute Regiment in 1972. The Ministry of Defence is believed to be resisting any such move.

The Downing Street visit would also compensate for the almost certain rejection by Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker. of the renewed appeal by Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness for the use of Commons offices and facilities. They have both refused to swear allegiance to the Oties and take their seats.



A battle over the land: residents of Strathconon, whose activities were filmed for a year for the new fly-on-the-wall series

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

THe people of a Highland glen have found themselves starring in a real-life television soap opera which reveals the tensions between them and an absentee Danish laird. A Glen for All Seasons charts a year in the lives of a remarkably varied cast of characters whose common link is that they all live in Strathconon, 30 miles north-

west of Inverness. The six-part fly-on-the-wall series was shot between August 1996 and July 1997, and aims to provide an insight into a close-knit Highland community at a time when the modern ideas of its new landowner were claimed to be challenging the way of life.

The series began last night on Grampian and Scottish TV, and talks are going ahead for a possible nationwide screening on Channel 4. The setting of the sparsely popu-lated 17-mile glen includes the breathtaking scenery of Scotland's second largest deer Highlanders are landed with a starring role in real-life TV drama to the Caledonian landscape people, and the land is owned

forest. The producer, Ted Brocklebank of Greyfrians Productions, has been a visitor to the glen for the past 25 years, "For that reason I had the trust of a lot of people, people who are not normally very forthcoming and would not normally want to have cameras intruding into their community," he said. "As the series develops the upsets and disagreements over what is happening in the glen

Less than 150 years ago, Strathconon had a Gaelicpopulation around 600 people, lots of sheep and a single laird. There are now less than 100

by numerous people from abroad. Mogens Johansen, a member of the Lego family, bought the 62,000-acre Strathconon Estate two years ago, and has introduced radical changes in land management with the support of Scottish Natural Heritage, the Government's conservation agency.

Deer have been dramatically culled, conifers cut down to be replaced by broadleaf trees, and the 1,000 sheep removed completely. Vermin such as foxes are left alone because of a belief that nature will find its own balance. The aim is to return Strathconon

of centuries ago. The changes have not been popular.
The removal of sheep has

resulted in deer roaming from the hills down to the village and invading gardens. The reluctance to kill vermin such as fox has led to lamb losses in neighbouring farms. The culling of deer, while hardly affecting the headcount on Strathconon, has resulted in losses for neighbouring estates dependent on the herds for sport.

Murdoch Laing, a wealthy Canadian who runs nearby Scardroy estate along traditional hunting and shooting lines, has deep reservations,

bomber returns to terrorise shoppers By LIN JENKINS

Blackmail

SHOPPERS at Sainsbury's stores were yesterday warned to be on their guard after small firebombs were placed at three London branches. The attacks are believed to be the work of the "Mardi Gra" blackmail bomber.

Staff were told to be on the alert and security checks of carparks and rubbish bins were increased in the wake of the attacks on Saturday. The company said all its staff would be asked to maintain an increased level of vigilance, but declined to give precise details of the security mea-

sures being implemented.
Police believe the man who planted the devices is the same person who began terrorising Barclays Bank in 1994 and turned his attention to Sainsbury's in 1996, demanding he be paid £500,000.

The store said yesterday that it had not received any communiction about the three devices found in South Ruis-lip, West Ealing and Greenford. Two of the devices went off. One man was treated in hospital for minor cuts and shock and a staff member suffered shock.

as does Dennis MacLeod, a

gold tycoon who lives at Scatwell Lodge in the glen. Mr MacLeod said: "We are all in favour of conserving the

land, but it seems that the

Danes' ideas preclude all

economic activity, which

could be divisive down the

Despite the serious under-

currents, A Glen for All

Seasons has many lighter moments, featuring the Highland Games and a wild Christmas party, as well as a "memorable" pheasant shoot, according to the producer.

During the year, there were

no births in the glen, and only one death, of Kenny Ur-quhart, who had lived in the

glen all his life. The crew had

filmed his reminiscences, but

they could not find one use-

able take. Mr Brocklebank

said: "We scoured half an

hour of tape, but sadly couldn't find one coherent

sentence, his accent was so

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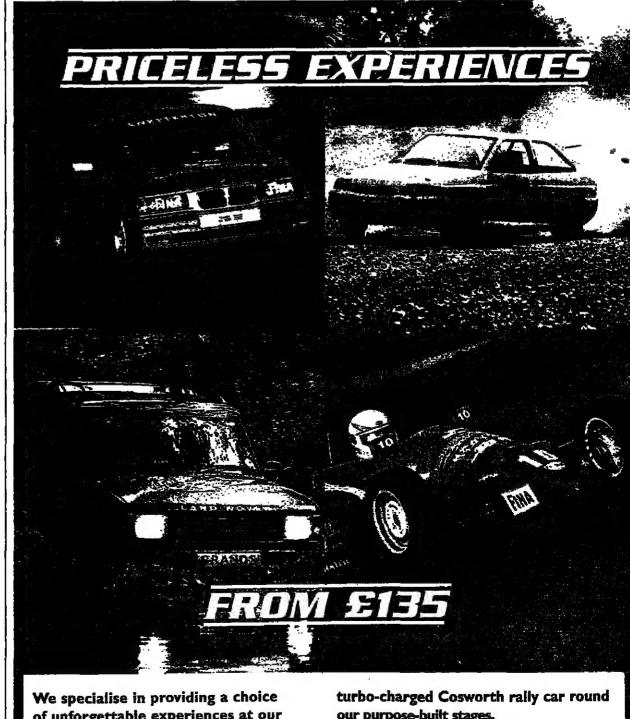
A spokeswoman said yester-day: "We are continuing to work closely with the police, for the safety of our customers and our staff is foremost in our

In December 1994, the first six of 25 devices were sent to branches of Barclays Bank and were followed up with a blackmail demand. The bomber wrote to the Daily Mail: "Mardi Gra is the codename of a small group of Berclays Bank victims who are in the process of reversing the tide of fortune into their favour." He failed to respond to messages placed in the newspaper's personal columns

The last attack was in Ealing, West London, in April 1996, when three people waiting at cash machines outside the branch were slightly hurt.

Three months later it emerged that the bomber had turned his attention to Sainsbury's. He threatened to bomb supermarkets unless he was paid a reported £500,000.





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Choice in schools 'improves social mix'

ACADEMICS have debunked claims that parental choice is leading to social segregation in state schools, as those at the top of the league tables cream off the best pupils and encourage the creation of

As English schools await the publication of this year's tables tomorrow, research in Wales has shown that pupils from poor homes and with special needs are more evenly distributed than they were a decade ago. The study contradicts a number of smaller-scale reports

carried out in England. Stephen Gorard and John Fitz, researchers at Cardiff University, admit that they had expected their

A rather

trying day

ends with

defeat on

the fields

of Eton

By IVO TENNANT

Research shows education reforms have not led to segregation, reports John O'Leary

research to show that market forces were distorting the make-up of schools. But Dr Gorard said yesterday that the findings were in line with results in New Zealand and parts of America with similar

degrees of parental choice.

Dr Gorard said: The conventional wisdom has been that 'good' schools would take an increasing proportion of children from relative ly privileged backgrounds, and those with fewest resources to play the market would be stranded in 'failing' schools. In fact, on almost any indicator of social disadvantage League tables for all secondary schools and colleges in England will be published in a special 20-page supplement with The Times tomorrow. Full results will be available in The Times Internet edition, at http://ihe-times.co.uk/schools/

- such as poverty, difficulty with English, or special educational needs - the opposite trend has been observed."

The study, which covered 100,000 pupils in more than 100 schools, showed that 20 per cent of disadvantaged children would have to move schools to produce a perfectly equal

I doubt that these results would be replicated in England." distribution, compared with 24 per cent in 1988. In only one area. Caerphilly, were disadvantaged pu-

range of schools than in 1988. Critics argued that the absence of grammar schools and low incidence grant-maintained schools in Wales created conditions which

pils concentrated in a narrower

would not apply outside the Principality. Professor Alan Smithers, head of Brunel University's Centre for Education and Employment Research, said: "Wales still has true neighbourhood schools, with strict catchment areas and less variety, so

However, Dr Gorard said that school admissions in much of England were conducted on the same basis as in South Wales: There may be differences in the heavily researched South East, but I suspect our conclusions would hold

good in many other parts of the country." The next stage of the project will extend to England. The researchers are also analys-ing their existing data to establish whether schools which have altered their intake have seen their results improve. Early indications are that

they have not.

□ GCSE and A-level results for all mainstream schools in England will be published in a 20-page supplement with The Times tomorrow and in the paper's Internet edition. which can be found at http://www. the-times.co.uk/schools/ Scottish schools' results are not

available until next week and Welsh

Children urged to learn the financial facts of life

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

SCHOOLCHILDREN should be taught about personal fi-nance, according to one of the country's most influential think-tanks and the NatWest

A report from Demos. which has close links to Downing Street, warns that fast-changing economic and social conditions, such as job insecurity and family break-up, make "financial literacy" more important than ever. It says that people could save £50,000 over a lifetime if they spent half an hour a week on

managing their money.

The independent think-tank urges schools to start formal and informal lessons on topics such as mortgages, savings schemes, stock market investment and pensions. It also suggests that schools create their own internal currencies, with pupils being rewarded for good performance with points" that they can spend in the tuck shop.

The Demos report will be debated today at a conference in London sponsored by NatWest and the Government-run Qualifications and Curriculum Authority. In an article in today's Times, Derek Wanless, the NatWest Group chief executive, says it is essential that schoolchildren are equipped to deal with the explosion in financial services. The Demos report says that there are already 16,000 financial products on the market, including 1,700 unit trusts. Mr Wanless says that finan-

cial literacy is the ability to make informed decisions about the use and management of money. He adds: This does not mean knowing what the APR might mean, but to have the skills to plan confidently, solve problems and take decisions when it comes to financial management. This does require knowledge, but skills, understanding and values also play an important part."
The NarWest has long

urged that finance be incorporated into the national curriculum, but ministers are reluctant to add new areas.

Derek Wanless, page 50



Harrow attempting to break through the Eton defence it was Eton's rugby centenary celebration, but their old rivals emerged victorious

celebrate a sporting anniversary. It is to play Harrow School and to irounce them by as many tries, goals or runs as are feasible. On Saturday, events worked out rather differently. On the centenary of Eton's

first rugby fixture. Harrow won by L2 points to 8. It just happens that Eton's oldest rivals have, as their master in charge, none other than one Roger Uttley. He was not actually in attendance, given that he had to attend to the other team he runs — Eng-land. But signs of slick coach-ing were not only in evidence at Twickenham.

The match, at Eton, was sportingly contested. Close by, Prince William was repre-senting the colts, but spectators at fixtures between Eton and Harrow concern themselves with only the most significant contest. It was not blighted by the kind of agessive parental support that has been increasingly prevalent at some independent schools: shouting and chantwhy period costume was not worn for the centenary celebration: Eton did not discover the anniversary until last The Eton Chronicle

records that, in 1897, Eton played its first match against B.O. Bircham's Esq XI and won, which might have had something to do with fielding Eton and Harrow have

been playing each other at cricket rather longer. Their Lord's fixtures began in 1805. After Eton won, Byron, who playing for Harrow,

together to Haymarket Theatre where we kicked up a row, as you may suppose when so many Harrovians and Etonians met at one place.

neighbours could hear a word of the drama, at which. not being highly delighted, they began to quarrel with us and we

nearly came to a battle royal." This sort of roistering is not celebrated now. Decorous behaviour is required of all boys There was a simple reason most of us rather drunk and mistresses'. Conference row is the showcase for the Uttley very well, and if any-

schools following guidelines the laid down this autumn. Differences between Marlborough and Radley, which came to a head in a cricket

6 The game asks severe questions of the gentleman. It asks telling questions of boys ?

fixture last summer, have led to a cessation of fixtures between the two and much unwarranted publicity. Besides Eton Versus Han-

independent sector. The sports sub-committee of HMC schools has been examining ways to improve behavlour on and off the field. Marlborough and

> matches, and there have been altercations elsewhere this term. The game asks

severe questions of the gentleman - it asks telling questions of boys," said Phil Macleod, master in charge at Eton and a former

thing untoward happened in this match, I would be in land manager, spoke to the rugby masters earlier this term about the HMC guidetouch with him straight away. "The introduction of prolines, which effectively are to crack down on aggravation, fessional rugby is an unconstructive move. At schools, in all sports.

the game should be played well, safely and for enjoyment. If my job becomes in jeopardy if Eton lose, then I should not be doing it.
"If the schoolmasterly ele-

ment in the schoolmaster is reduced, then rugby does become more professional. In the matches between Mariborough and Radley, there has been great pressure on At Harrow, Uttley, the Engist XV coach, said: "The standard of school rugby is improving. It is becoming quicker and cleaner. We have never had any

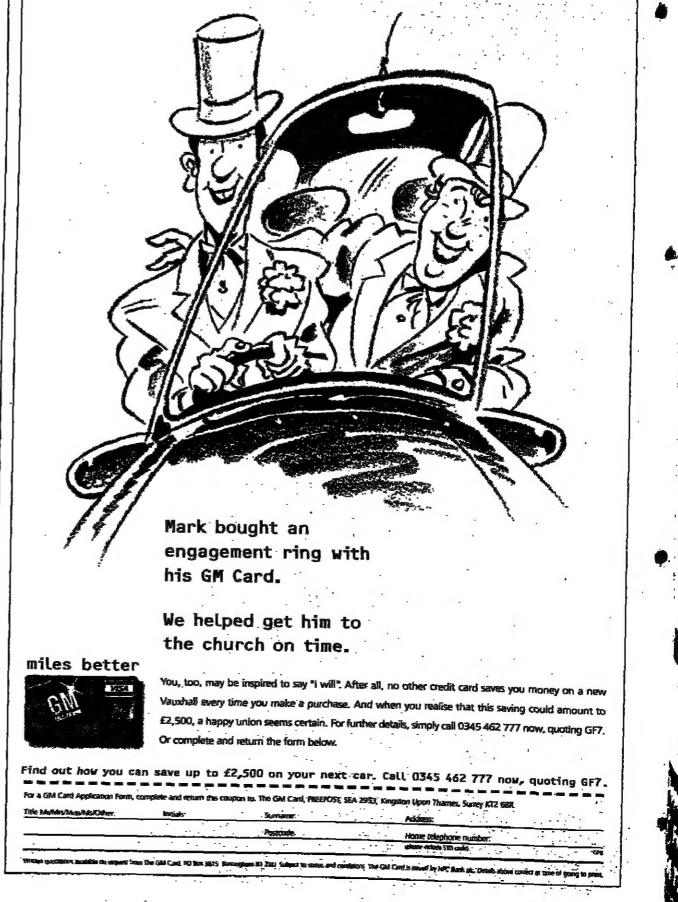
dissent and gamesmanship

Jim O'Brien, the assistant

problems like Mariborough and Radley have had and, in my first term at Harrow, I have been struck by the sportsmanship of the boys."

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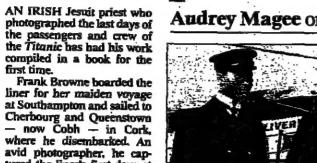
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Last days of Titanic in the lens of a Jesuit priest

Father Browne, above left, captured everyday scenes of crew life on the Titanic, including lifeboat drill and the inspection of lifejackets

Audrey Magee on a book of photographs taken on the fatal voyage by Father Frank Browne



 Cherbourg and Queenstown
 now Cobh — in Cork, where he disembarked. An avid photographer, he captured the liner's first days at sea in pictures. Most of his subjects drowned after the ship, en route to New York, hit an iceberg off Cape Race in the Atlantic on April 15, 1912. More than 1,500 people perished . After the tragedy, the priest

compiled an album of his photographs and memorabiliz from the trip, bound it in leather and entrusted it to his friends in the Jesuit Order in Dublin. Estimated to be worth £2 million, the album has now been produced as a book, Father Browne's Titanic Album.

There are more than 30 black and white pictures tak-



Jack Phillips, the wireless operator on the left, was acclaimed as a hero for sticking to his post when the ship sank after leaving Queenstown

working and leisure life. Others depict the journey on the boat train from London to Southampton and the disembarkation at Cork.

captions: "The Titanic's first suncise. The children's playground, taken about mid-

day on the saloon deck"; "The last glimpse of Capt Smith"; and "Mr Parr, electrician, and Mr McGurk, gymnast,

Father Browne's photographs were widely used in newspapers of the time, and equently on anniversaries, and have been reprinted in several books about the liner. This is the first time, however, that they have been collected in a single pub-

Robert Ballard, leader of the 1985 American expedition that found the Titanic 25

miles below the surface, wrote the book's foreword. He describes Father Browne's pictures as "poi-gnant reminders" of the vessel he saw under the Atlantic. Father Browne, a contem-

porary of James Joyce who

referred to him as "Mr

Finnegan's Wake, developed a passion for photography after he was given a camera in 1897. He travelled widely, taking pictures in France, Italy, Britain, Ireland, Australia and South Africa. He was chaplain to the Irish Guards, serving on the front in France and Flanders during the First World War. He was highly commended for his bravery by the French and Belgian authorities and received the MC and Bar from Britain. The Irish Guards in Wellington Barracks, London, have a leath-er-bound album of his

photographs from the war, entitled Watch on the Rhine. His work disappeared into obscurity until 1985, when Eddie O'Donnell, a fellow Jesuit, found 42,000 negatives in a trunk in the archives of the Jesuits' Dublin headquarters. A world tour of the priest's photographs is being prepared by Father O'Don-nell, editor of the *Titanic* album. It will start in London in 1999.

"Ten years ago I would have said that the most newsworthy fact about Father Browne was that he sailed on the Titanic," Father O'Don-nell said, "That is no longer the case. The most interesting fact now is that he is being recognised as one of the world's greatest photo-graphers of all time."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cartoon censured over its violence

The children's cartoon Reboot was condemned for violence by the Independent Television Commission after an episode featured a zombie and a villain wielding a chainsaw.

It was a breach of the official programme code to show the episode on ITV as early as 4.40pm, the commission said. upholding complaints from 10 viewers that the violence in the episode To Mend and Defend was unacceptable and that the characters, from feature films and computer games, were in-appropriate.

Helicopter crash

A pilot and four male passengers were injured when a helicopter crashed into a field in Danbury, Essex. One pas-senger suffered serious head injuries, the others whiplash injuries. They had taken the trip to celebrate a birthday.

Major note

John Major, the former Prime Minister, helped to launch The Greatest British Album Of The Century - Britannia. as a tribute to the Royal Yacht. Each copy sold will bring a donation to King George's Fund For Sailors.

Late opening

Seventeen million people in Britain shop at night, according to a survey carried out by Shell UK, which has 850 24-hour Select shops linked to its garages. The survey also found that five million people like to the effect 10 cm. like to shop after 10pm.

999 victim

A pensioner died after he was struck by a police car which was answering a 999 call, James Morris, 68, was crossing a road in North Wingfield, Derbyshire. Police said that the car's siren and emergency lights were in use.

Coastguard cuts

The Government is to announce the closure of up to six coastguard stations today. The move has been caused by funding difficulties in the Coastguard Agency, which merges with the Marine Safety Agency next April.

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The Right Chemistry

Portillo ready for a comeback in the Commons

By Polly Newton, political reporter

MICHAEL PORTILLO, who lost his parliamentary seat in one of the biggest surprises of firmed that he wants to return to the House of Commons. The former Defence Secretary said that he would seek reelection "partly because I am better at politics than I am at anything else".

In a clear signal that he will try to re-enter the Commons before the next election, he said: "It's also because, if we are not going to be bossed around by our new Government, we have to make ourselves heard in Parliament."

Mr Portillo's defeat in his North London constituency of Enfield Southgate on May I ended any immediate prospect of him succeeding John Major as Conservative leader. However, his decision to make clear that he sees his future in politics will provoke fresh speculation about his

After a high-profile speech at the Tory conference, he insisted that he was not making any kind of long-term bid to lead the party. However, he would almost certainly command significant support from the Right of the party in

any future contest for the job. Mr Portillo, 44, writing yesterday in the Express on Sunday, said that in many ways he had enjoyed life since May I. The "sabbatical" had given him time to reflect on why the Conservatives lost so

how totally our image went wrong," he said. "A lot of people came to hate the Tories; you cannot win if people think you are mean-spirited. We are

He said that politicians should be aware of how they were perceived. "People fol-



6 If we are not going to be bossed around by Labour,

then we have to be heard ?

Michael Portillo

lowed Mrs Thatcher because she was tough and knew where she was leading. But, over time, her enemies turned her qualities against her; made her steely resolve seem like a heart of granite."

Echoing the speech he made during the Conservative conference in Blackpool, Mr



but rather to prevent people from doing things that harm He said that the Conservatives had seemed to alienate whole groups in society. "I hope teachers will come back to us because we value them, and put standards in education at the top of our agenda. I trust we will attract back the young because we aim to create for them the ladder of opportunity which enables them to achieve their hopes."

Mr Portillo predicted that William Hague's style would find favour with voters. "We need again to speak to people in a language they understand and boil things down to clear statements. William Hague will be good at that."

He said Mr Hague was being "straight" about the consequences of a European single currency — "something else I like about him".

Mr Portillo said that Labour claimed to reflect the consensus, "Well, fine. But the people I talk to want to hear their point of view represented in Parliament, otherwise it's not doing its job.
"That's why I stick my neck

out in saying that I would like to be re-elected; to return to Parliament to help to express a





Expert says Harman's soft line for jobless mothers will never succeed

By NICHOLAS WOOD

HARRIET HARMAN'S softly softly approach to getting single mothers back to work is condemned as unworkable today by one of America's leading welfare experts.

The Social Security Secretary has pinned her hopes on a £200 million programme in which an army of 1,000 personal advisers will attempt to persuade lone par-ents to switch from welfare to work. It is being piloted in eight parts of the country and is due to go national from October next year.

But in a new report, Lawrence Mead, Professor of Politics at New York University, says that the US experi-

tougher measures are needed. The way forward is no longer liberation but obliga-tion," Professor Mead concludes after reviewing the growing trend for American states to cut off benefits if

claimants refuse to take a job. In the report, Professor Mead says the main task of social policy should not be to reform society but to restore the authority of parents and

The best single thing it can do is to restore order in the inner city. Above all. it can require that poor parents work, because employment failures are the greatest cause of family failures." Review-ing America's welfare to

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Mead says that the best results in terms of alleviating poverty have been achieved by those that penalise people who will not take a job.

"It has become clear that

effective work programmes must be highly prescriptive and authoritative. One clear finding is that high participation in programmes is essen-tial to show results." Professor Mead says that

voluntary schemes of the kind advocated by Ms Harman had been disappointing because only those likely to land a job anyway took part.

Last month, Ms Harman claimed her "New Deal" for "very encouraging" results with one in four of those committed to the scheme finding work. Closer analysis

suggested the true success

rate was one in 20. Frank Field, the Minister for Welfare Reform, has been at odds with Ms Harman over his enthusiasm for radical change. Mr Field backs compulsion in some areas -such as the Government's plans for getting the under-25s off the dole — but endorses a voluntary approach

for lone mothers. "I am convinced that lone parents are a vast untapped resource, and that simply offering a helping hand should result in an immedi-

Channel 3 **Tunnel** safety still in doubt

BY ROBIN YOUNG

SAFETY procedures for trains and passengers using the Channel Tunnel are still causing concern, a year after a fire on board a freight train.

The Consumers' Association says it is worried about the use of open-sided freight carriages, evacuation procedures and the fact that passengers are kept with their cars on shuttle trains.

An official report into the fire by the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority made 36 safety recommendations after say-ing the fire had exposed "fundamental weaknesses" in safety systems". It said that inadequate training of Eurotunnel staff led to "errors and delays" in dealing with the

Eurotunnel, the tunnel operator, said yesterday that most of the recommendations had been implemented and those not yet adopted involved "long-term infrastructure investment". A Eurotunnel spokeswoman said: "We are happy with our evacuation tests and convinced that tourist shuttle passengers staying with their vehicles is the best procedure. We have ordered more open-sided freight shuttles, but they have been modified and prototypes are now

being tested." But the Consumers' Association says it remains unsatisfied that open-sided carriages used for freight trains are safe in the case of a fire. It doubts the realism of Eurotunnel's evacuation tests, and believes that keeping cars, fuel and people enclosed together in tourist shuttle wagons increases the risk of fire and the threat of casualties.

Government is urged to scrap the Corporation of London

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE Corporation of London should be abolished and its private income used to fund the proposed London authority and elected mayor, a pamphlet published today argues. Guildhall would become the base for the authority, with the mayor installed in Mansion House.

The proposal, published by the

Fabian Society, the pro-Labour think-tank, comes from Malcolm Matson. a City entrepreneur whose attempt to join the Court of Aldermen was blocked in 1994. Mr Matson challenged the body's arcane rules in the High Court, where he lost. But the Court of Appeal ruled that the aldermen

not a suitable candidate. Mr Matson argues: "The Gov- - the City's Lord Mayor and the cial and information sectors of

ernment's plans are doomed to fail unless it is prepared to pursue. sweeping reform of a Corporation of London, the undemocratic, unaccountable and largely self-perpetuating body at London's historic and geographic heart. Constitutional reform of the City is a critical test of the new Government's radical cre- Police with the Metropolitan planned by the corporation to give had to tell Mr Matson why he was dentials." He believes that the Police, but accepts the need for a existence of two mayors in London

elected office being proposed by the Government - would be absurd

Among Mr Matson's proposals are the privatisation of the City's four markets to provide a windfall for the Treasury. He also calls for specialist force to police the finan-

global markets. The City's millions in revenue from capital assets would provide the new London authority with an independent financial base and bring greater accountability to the management and use of the cash, he argues.

companies a say in the running of the Square Mile.

Parliament and the nation have

been dazzled by the corporation's ceremonial and charitable record, he suggests. "Few have seen fit to look under the gold coach or the Lord Mayor's ermine to see that this local authority has failed to fulfil the statutory obligation placed course with good faith and reason' which is 'profitable to the people'."

as "half-baked and unworkable" and claimed his pamphlet gave a "superficial, naive, half-picture of the real City of London". Franchise reforms would, a spokesman said, remove all anomalies and make the corporation representative of

which is 'profitable to the people'."

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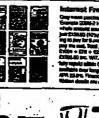


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Beach battle puts a town at bay

Richard Duce on a challenge to

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businessman who hopes an ancient ownership right will be his oyster

AS A fresh November wind gusts off the North Sea towards one of Britain's bestknown coastal restaurants, its owner is at the centre of a rising legal storm over his claim to his own stretch of the

Barry Green, 62, says he has historic legal rights to register the 11 miles of shingle beach beach as his property, running to the left and right of the Egon Ronay-listed Royal Na-tive Oyster Stores at Whitstable, Kent. He has run into vociferous opposition from councillors who have engaged lawyers to try to disprove the

Mr Green already owns the only cinema in Whitstable and is opening a new hotel. He runs holiday lets in converted fishermen's huts, holds the majority stake in the Whitstable Oyster Fishery Company and still operates his original core business of selling ceramic tiles.

The battle for the beach has led to allegations that he will deprive locals of access to a natural amenity and will put up barbed wire to keep them away. An emergency debate has already been held by. Canterbury City Council. Yesterday Mr Green was happy to give assurances that he had no plans to shut off the beach. saying that any development would be limited to the construction of ramps for the revival of oyster beds. His ownership claim stretches 200 metres out into the bay.

Geoffrey Pike, a local historian, says: "There is not the slightest doubt that Mr Green owns the beach, but questions do arise for townsfolk on how it will affect their rights of access to the beach.

"Access has been a traditional part of Whitstable life and it also raises concern about whether this will give Mr Green the right to develop on the beach."

Mr Green insists that laying right to title of the Manor and



Julia Seath, who wants a written assurance that residents will have access to the beach in perpetuity. She said: "It has stirred up had feeling"

Foreshore of Whitstable with the Land Registry is merely a formality to clear up future ownership. It encompasses

offshore oyster beds.

The Romans first brought oyster farming to Whitstable, and the rights to fish off the town rested with the Lord of the Manor until the late 18th century. According to Mr Pike, it was Lord Bolingbroke who fell on hard times in 1793 and sold the oyster grounds and beach to the highwater mark to the Free Fishers and Dredgers of Whitstable, who eventually formed the Whitstable Oyster Fishery

In 1869 the company bought the beach fronting the town from Wynn Ellis, a subsequent Lord of the Manor. By the turn of the century, Whitstable was producing 20 million native oysters a year, but overfishing led to a huge decline. The company

buildings, now the restaurant, were derelict when Mr Green bought a 75 per cent stake 23 years ago. The restaurant business alone now has an annual turnover close to EI million.

Mr Green and his son, Richard, 32, a director of the company, say their ambition is to reintroduce dysters to their beds. At present, they buy them from a neighbouring firm.

Although the beach is

probably worth a small fortune and one of very few in private hands, we would never consider seiling the beach." Mr Green said. "We are trying to keep things as they always were. There has been oyster farming here for thousands of years. The company is tied in with the beach. We are registering the land because of the beds. We need control over

thing to fight. We have put our case to the Land Registry, and so far there are no other valid

"It is a joke to suggest that I am going to bring in razorwire to keep people out. I can give an assurance that enjoyment of the beach will never be

Concern about the future of the beach for the 30,000 population of Whitstable is led by a Labour councillor, Julia Seath, who tabled an emergency council motion and is seeking a written assurance that access rights will be

granted in perpetuity.

She said: "I am concerned about the implications of this for the townspeople. I am looking for an assurance that, at some future point in time. access will not be denied or charging policies introduced. "That would be a grave threat to the civil liberties of the people in the town. It has

stirred up a lot of bad feeling in the town. It is a small place where people often fall out with each other, but when threatened by one individual they will stand together."

Janet Franklin, senior solicitor with Canterbury City Council, said: "We are trying to protect the rights of the public. It is too early to say if Mr Green has a legitimate claim, but we have a duty to object where the public rights are of overriding interest."

Two years ago, Mr Green received £12,000 grant aid towards the £100,000 conversion costs of the fishermen's huts, but failed to let them to local artisans as originally

He now lets them to holidaymakers at £75 a night. Change-of-use planning permission has still to be granted. They were featured earlier this week on the BBC Holiday



Green: says he would

Railtrack will let hire bikes take the strain

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

RAIL managers are preparing to lure commuters away from their cars with rented bicycles. Railtrack directors are anxious to seize on the increasing enthusiasm for cycling by setting up bicycle hire shops at the main railway stations.

The company has submitted plans to John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, outlining proposals to provide bicycles at stations in London. Edinburgh, Manchester. Glasgow and Birmingham.

The move would enable commuters to hire a bicycle for the day and return it in the evening. The scheme would follow the example of countries such as The Netherlands, Germany and Denmark, where bicycle hire has become

a routine part of city transport. In Germany, thousands of cyclists pick up a bicycle at one station and drop it off at another. In Copenhagen **6** Operators cyclists can pick are keen to

up a bicycle from one of several racks and another elsewhere in the city. Mr Prescott has asked transport organisations to avoid bikes put forward plans to help to

curb congestion

before the Government's transport White Paper is published in the spring. Railtrack, which owns and runs signalling and track across the country, states in its submission to the Government that it is "working to develop an innovative scheme for the provision of cycles at major stations".

If the scheme proves successful, cycling pressure groups hope similar plans will be introduced at stations serving coastal towns and beauty spots. Hire schemes have been set up in Bath and Moretonin-Marsh, in the Cotswolds, but have not been backed by rail companies.

The move towards bicycle hire follows a study prepared for Railtrack by Bikerail, an organisation aiming to promote better rail facilities to cyclists. Peter Gazey, project manager of Bikerail, said: "We are a long way behind other countries. There are signs that we have got cycling into the institutional process. But it is a long way from where we were five years ago and we know that train operators are keen to have hire facilities, if only to avoid

bicycles on trains. Mr Gazey said that it was unlikely that a retail outlet could survive on bicycle hire alone, but might include sales of cycling accessories as well as offering servicing for com-muters' bicycles. Some rail companies, led by Anglia Railways and Great Western, have set up bicycle racks on trains but most of the 25 train operators make no provision

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company would examine the op-tions in detail in the new year before deciding would lead the hire project. "We want to show that we will support the Government in its plans to have an integrated transport system and to reduce congestion

in city centres. Cycling groups claim that it is difficult to take bicycles on trains because most operators have abandoned guards vans. They have also complained to Railtrack about poor storage facilities at some mainline stations and the lack of adequate signs for racks.

Baroness Hayman, the Roads Minister, who has been pressing local authorities to encourage more use of bicycles, has met cycling organisations to discuss ways of capitalising on the increasing interest in cycling. Sales of new bicycles have outstripped those of new cars for the past nine years, but cycling campaigners say that many people are put off by the difficulties of bringing their bicycles into

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Museum reunites Handel with his librettist

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A MUSEUM being founded in memory of the composer George Frideric Handel has acquired an important portrait of the man who wrote the libretto to Messiah.

Thomas Hudson's imposing portrayal of Charles Jennens (1700-73) will be dis-

dinary collection of Handel manuscripts and memorabilia that was acquired for the nation in September, at the house in Brook Street, West London, where Handel lived for 36 years until his death

It was bought this week at Sotheby's. Half the £13,800 price was raised from private

the National Art Collections Fund which, with 80,000 members, is Britain's largest art charity.

Stanley Sadie, president of the Handel House Trust, described Jennens as the most important of Handel's artistic collaborators, "It was Jennens who conceived the idea of an oratorio on the theme of the libretto, providing what a contemporary described as the most elevated, majestick,

and moving Words'. Apart from Messiah of 1741, Jennens also wrote, among others, librettos to Handel's oratorios Saul and Beishaz zar. He became so renowned for his extravagant lifestyle that he was nicknamed

Despite their friendship. however, Jennens displayed a certain arrogance. Dr Sadie noted how he felt "Handel's music failed to do justice to his words, saying 'I shall put no more Sacred Words into his hands, to be thus abusid, although he admitted that Tis after all, in the main, a fine Composition'.'



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Saddam given warning over Scud offensive

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein's ambition to have missiles tipped with nuclear. chemical or biological warheads poses "a great danger to the world". Binyamin Neranyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, said vesterday,

Before leaving London for Washington, he refused to say what action he might take if Saddam fired Scud ballistic missiles at Israel, "I'd rather not speculate on possibilities," he said in an interview on BBC's Breakfast with Frost. However, Israeli officials have made clear that if Saddam fired missiles with chemical or biological warheads at cities in Israel, there would be no hesitation in responding from

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its stock of weapons of mass destruction.

During the Gulf War, Israel agreed to hold back from retaliatory strikes after Scuds were fired on Tel Aviv, because of the importance of maintaining the Arab coalition against Iraq. The Iraqi leader had hoped to provoke Israel into responding, and thus destroy the Arab alliance built up by the United States.

An Israeli official said yesterday: "Today that Arab alli-ance against Saddam doesn't exist, so the same argument no longer applies." Israel has an awesome inventory of weap-

Length: 35ft 2in Diameter: 27,5in Launch weight 5,070lb Warhead: 286,6lb Range: up to 31 miles Equipped with Fan Song (Nato name) dar, which locks on to target, feeding data to the computer van on the ground. The missile operator has au seconds to steer the Sa2 into its radio



Iraq puts its faith in veteran missile

THE only weapon in Iraq's the aircraft as it flew over armoury capable of hitting an American U2 spy plane is the Russian-made Sa2 Guideline surface-to-air missile, accord-ing to US Defence Department officials (Michael Evans writes). First put into production in about 1956 and operational with Soviet armed forces in 1958, it has been one of the most widely used missile systems in the world. The Russians have sold it to

more than 20 countries. It was fired by the Soviet Union when it brought down Force pilot Gary Powers in 1960. Two Sa2s were fired at guidance system.

Soviet territory. One hit the aircraft and the other exploded behind it.

The Sa2 was then new and it has since been modified and improved. However, it is obsolescent and modern aircraft with electronic countermeasure systems should have little difficulty avoiding it. The Sa2 has been described as "a flying telegraph pole".

The U2s on patrol over Iraq are protected at a lower altitude by support aircraft including electronic countermeasure planes which would be able to jam the Sa2's radio

ons it could unleash against Iraq. An Iraqi official admitted recently that during the Gulf War it was Israel's implied threat to use nuclear weapons - not America's warning of retribution - that stopped Saddam from launching Scuds armed with chemical and biological warheads against Tel Aviv.

His deadly warheads were ready but were never launched. The Scuds fired towards Tel Aviv in 1991 carried high-explosive warheads but many disintegrated as they approached their target because of faulty design work by Iraqi engineers who had converted the Russianmade Scuds into longer-range al-Hussein missiles.

Last week Israeli officials were reported to have given a warning that Israel would respond to an Iraqi chemical or biological attack with a neutron bomb, the enhancedradiation weapon that some countries developed in the 1970s. A tactical weapon which produces a huge wave of neutron and gamma radiation but a reduced blast effect, it can be carried in a Lance missile system or delivered by howitzer or aircraft. Although this was seen as part of the rhetoric to deter Saddam, it is presumed Israel has a number of neutron bombs.

It is also suspected of having developed up to 100 nuclear warheads, and has the delivery systems for launching a nuclear attack. The Jericho ! single-warhead ballistic missile, with a range of more than 300 miles, and the Jericho 2. with a range of more than 900 miles, are both capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

The Israeli Air Force's F4 Phantoms are nuclear-capable, and its F15s and F16s are also likely to be capable of carrying nuclear bombs. Israel, helped by the US, have been developing the Arrow anti-ballistic missile system. but it is not yet operational. A number of its flight tests have expected to be in service



An eight-year-old Israeli girl is fitted with a gas mask at a distribution centre in Jerusalem as the nation prepares for possible attack from

Iraq. MPs have expressed fears that one in ten of the population will be without adequate protection if Iraq does jaunch a chemical attack, while reports claim that as many as 6,000 people a day are visiting gas mask distribution points (Ross Dunn

Israelis prepare for attack

Zucker, chairman of an Israeli parliamentary sub-committee on security affairs, said a lack of money meant that about 10 per cent of the population would be without adequate gas masks. Israeli military officials estimated that some 400,000 people had faulty gas masks that

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said that a further £14 million was required to meet the shortfall in funding. Otherwise, until the end of 1998, there would be a lack of kits specially designed for infants and men with beards. He said the shortage was "due to a lack of political foresight and the non-

money".

During the Gulf War, more than 40 Iraqi Scud missiles were launched at Israel. Only one man died, of a heart attack, but there was extensive property damage as Israel bowed to American pressure not to retaliate. Israelis lived for weeks in sealed areas, wearing gas masks, only to discover that their equipment

Kuwait joins chorus against military strikes

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU

AMERICAN attempts to rally support for possible military strikes against Iraq suffered a significant setback yesterday when Kuwait declared it would oppose the use of force. The tiny oil-rich emirate has been the staunchest supporter of American policy on Iraq since the Gulf War and still relies on US muscle for its survival. Its call for moderation came as Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, began consultations with Washington's allies in the Gulf and Iraq anoffensive to win Arab support.

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harm the Iraqi people and neighbours," Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister, said after meeting President Mubarak of Egypt in Cairo. The Kuwaiti Cabinet also issued a statement urging a diplomatic solution, echoing calls from Egypt, Syria, Bahrain and other key Arab components of the Gulf War alliance.

However, there was also strong criticism of Iraq for triggering the crisis over weapons inspections. "We discussed Iraqi and American one side," said Sheikh al-"Any military attack would Sabah, who ruled out reconcil- accompanied by fiery rhetoric.

iation with Baghdad while President Saddam Hussein

was in power. A Gulf diplomat said: "The Kuwaitis are still terrified of Saddam and don't want to back military action if it doesn't get rid of him. After all, they have to live next to Iraq. If the Americans can convince Kuwait they have a real strategy to topple Saddam. I think they'd give Washington the support it wants."

Iraq accused the United States of pretending to give diplomacy a chance while it used the time to complete military preparations, but Baghdad's own diplomatic efforts to defuse the crisis were

It repeated threats to shoot down American U2 spy planes, and for the first time raised the spectre of a terrorist backlash against British and US interests in the Middle

East. An editorial in Saturday's Babel, an influential newspaper owned by Saddam's eldest son, Uday, said: "Amer-ican and British interests, embassies and naval ships in the Arab region should be the targets of military operations and commando attacks by Arab political forces."

Tario Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, is today due to begin touring North African Arab support for Baghdad's resenting moderate Arab countries complained that recent comments by President Clinton had supported Baghdad's claim that Washington was using the issue of weapons inspections to topple Saddam and replace him with a "US-sponsored regime". Mr Clinton said on Friday that by expelling American weapons inspectors last week, Saddam had ensured sanctions would remain in place as long as he was in power.

However, there was growing speculation in the Middle East that Washington may offer to improve the terms of a year-old deal whereby Baghamounts of oil to buy food and

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Stand-off provoked 'to protect germ-war stockpile'

IN WASHINGTON AND JAMES BONE

THE showdown with President Saddam Hussein was provoked when it dawned on the Iraqi leader that he could no longer hoodwink United Nations weapons inspectors over his secret stockpiles of germ warfare agents.

American and UN officials said yesterday that the inspectors had been closing in on sites where they expected to uncover the heart of Saddam's biological weapons programme, including evidence of refrigerated lorries used to move supplies of the lethal anthrax bacteria, and details

of tests on live animals. Some inspectors suspect that Iraq may even have conducted tests on prisoners captured during the Iran-Iraq war and on Kurdish dissidents. Rumours about human guinea-pigs have never been confirmed, but two years ago inspectors did obtain videotapes of the death throes of dogs, monkeys and other animals infected with anthrax spores and botulism toxins.

As the inspectors tightened their noose, they were also threatening to expose the role of Saddam's Special Republican Guards in controlling the sites, logistics and testing of biological warfare research under the supervision of his

son, Qusay. The current crisis began two days after a stern letter to the Iragi Government on October 27 by Richard Butler, head of the UN inspection teams. It came after three rebuffs during September and October of by the Republican Guards

and to a building known as the chemical defence headquarters. Mr Butler's letter proposed a Baghdad meeting on November 9 and 10 at which he would be accompanied by, among others, his chief biological weapons investigator, Dick Spertzel, a retired US military officer and acknowledged expert on germ warfare.

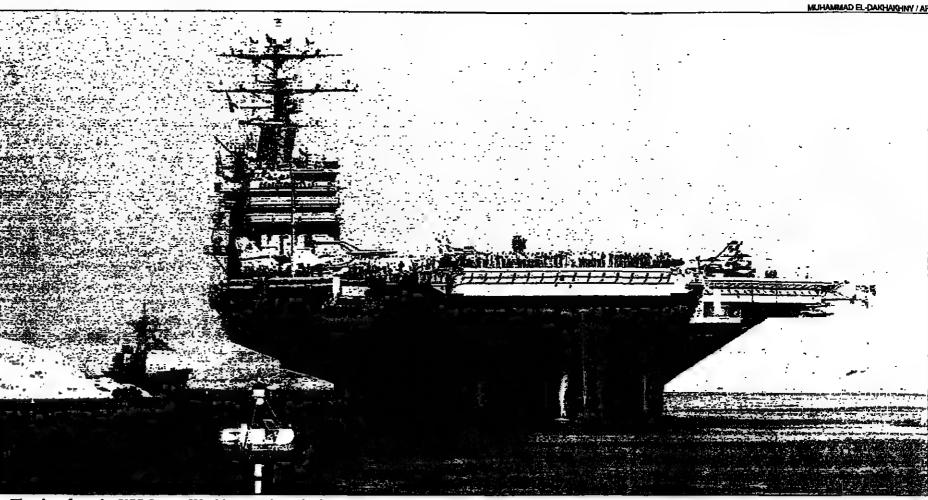
The meeting, Mr Butler wrote, should focus on how Iraq intended to proceed on providing information about biological weapons. He also wanted an understanding that inspectors could visit sensitive sites, and assurances on how they would be treated there.

These demands apparently confirmed for Saddam's inner circle that their claim to have made a "full, final and complete declaration" about biological weapons had been rejected as preposterous.

In addition to making them come clean about their prized biological arsenal, Mr Butler wanted more information on Iraq's missile warheads and its stocks of two chemical warfare agents - VX nerve gas and mustard gas. Iraq is keeping its germ

warfare data secret after los-

ing the bulk of its chemical weapons and nuclear programmes to the inspectors. ☐ Moscow intervenes: Russia is trying to rein in the Special Commission responsi-ble for disarming Iraq by transforming its advisory board of technical experts into a political oversight body. At Russia's request, the UN Security Council has recommendaccess to premises controlled ers to dicuss the Iraqi



The aircraft carrier USS George Washington, above, in the Suez Canal en route to the Gulf yesterday. The USS Annapolis nuclear submarine, below, is in her escort



Air power stepped up at Incirlik

Incirlik Air Base: Washington is boosting its fighting presence here in southern Turkey, one of Nato's most sophisticated air bases, which was extensively used for bombing sorties during the Gulf War (Andrew Finkel writes).

But Turkey denied that it had given permission for the base to be used for fresh offensive action. lamet Sezgin, the Turkish Defence Minister, said yesterday that permission would need the consent of the Turkish parliament. He also

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denied that F117 Stealth bombers had been sent to Incirlik.

The base is currently used to patrol the northern Iraq no-fly zone, and any increase in the intensity of operations must raise the possibility of a direct confrontation with Iraqi fighters violating the zone, which they increasingly do.

Iraqis in the zone normally turn tail as soon as they are "lit" by radar beams. "If they are looking for a they'll get," a US Embassy spokes-

Clinton cites Tokyo attack as warning

IN WARHINGTON

THE crisis with Iraq is not a replay of the Gulf War but a battle against organised forces of destruction, Presdent Clinton said vesterday.

Citing the March 1995 sarin nervegas attack on the Tokyo underground as an omen, he said: "Think about it in terms of the innocent Japanese who died in the subway and how important it is for every responsible government in the world to do everything possible not to let big stores of chemical or biological weapons fall into the wrong hands."
Eleven commuters died when the

Aum Shimrikyo sect released the gas. By drawing the comparison, Mr Clinton was raising the alarm that rogue regimes could place lethal weapons in the hands of terrorists and spies. William Cohen, the US Defence Secretary, held up a 51b bag of sugar on US television. Just such a filled with anthrax bacteria could kill half Washington's population of 600,000 if it were spread over the city, he said.

search for a diplomatic solution in telephone calls to Tony Blair, Presi**GAS FEARS**

dent Yeltsin and President Chirac of France. Britain has joined America in gearing up for possible military action, and Mr Clinton and the Prime Minister discussed diplomatic measures and the need to maintain unity in the UN Security Council.

Russia has agreed to use its special relationship with Iraq to try to find a peaceful solution. The Americans have made a similar appeal to the French, but whether Paris agreed is "less clear" said an official with Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, who is in the Middle East. Yesterday she added extra stops to her schedule - Bahrain. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. She was seeking to stiffen resolve and remind them of America's need to use bases in their countries should there be armed conflict.

The Saudis are likely to collaborate if they are convinced that Saddam is determined to rebuild and expand his capacity to manufacture weapons of terror. Bahrain has a expected to raise objections should

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China lets dissident go to US

FROM JAMES PRINCLE IN BEDING

CHINA'S leading pro-democracy activist. Wei Jingsheng, a 47-year-old electrician twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, was released from jail at the weekend and flown yesterday to the United States in what diplomats saw as a surprise concession to American pressure on Beijing's human rights record.

That pressure came most notably during the recent visit of President Jiang Zemin to the US, where he held talks with President Clinton. The two leaders disagreed publicly on human rights, most significantly on the violent suppression and massacre of pro-democracy protesters in Tiananmen Square in June 1989. Xinhua.

China's official news agency, said that Mr Wei had been released on "medical parole".

Mr Wei had always said that he would not seek exile but he was serving a 14-year sentence during which he had allegedly suffered harassment, including beatings from criminal cellmates. Human rights sources claimed that the ill-treatment had been on the orders of senior prison officials. Family members said that his decision to go indicated the parlous state of his health. On his arrival in Detroit yesterday he was taken directly to hospital.

After a meeting yesterday with some of his family, including a brother, at Beijing's international urity, Mr Wei boarded a Northwest

Airlines flight for Detroit. He was accompanied by a US diplomat and a Chinese judicial official. His sister, who lives in Boston, said she would join him to help to "look after him". His brother, Wei Xiaotao, told reporters later: "My brother is still in

high spirits. He hopes to come back one day to China. He is not the kind of person to change his ideals."

Diplomats said the release of Mr Wei Jingsheng, who has been suffer-

ing from heart trouble and high blood pressure, and has lost most of his teeth, was "a positive but not conclusive sign of willingness of Beiting to change".

Foreign diplomats said that Mr Wei might become irrelevant in exile. Some even say that this may be what the US Government, and certainly

Beijing, want. Others hope that China will soon release other jailed pro-democracy activists such as Wang Dan, one of the chief student leaders during the 1989 Tiananmen demonstrations. His parents say that he also needs medical treatment.

Mr Wei first aroused the ire of the authorities in the late 1970s when he called on Deng Xiaoping, the late re-forming leader, to bring in the "fifth modernisation" - democracy - to complement free-market reforms in the economy.

He was one of the most prominent activists during the pro-democracy wall campaign of the 1970s, publicly writing posters critical of the Chinese leadership. He had served one 14year jail term and was into his second, imposed essentially for a

meeting with a senior human rights official of the US Administration in 1994, although Beijing said the penalty was for trying to overthrow the Government.

American officials, who clearly hope Mr Wei's release will help to relax Sino-American tensions, said that in exile Mr Wei could be much less of a force for change in China that he was in a labour camp. One foreign envoy suggested. "Pretty foreign envoy suggested. soon, he may cease to be the flavour of the month."

China has observed that other freed dissidents, once overseas, become less and less relevant. Because they get no publicity in the Chinese press — they are treated as non-persons — few Chinese know much about them or what they stand for.

Former pop star beats the drum for Islam

FROM TOM WALKER IN SARAJEVO

THE man looking every inch a Muslim cleric returned to centre stage, pulled by the frantic crowd's exhortations. "Who is the greatest?" he asked them. "Allah is the greatest," the thousands cried.

After an absence of 18 years, Yusuf Islam, formerly the pop star known as Cat Stevens. was back in the public gaze. On Saturday night, in Sarajevo's Skendaria centre, the one-time hippy whose plaintive melodies were a leitmotif of the early 1970s, showed Bosnia his new self.

With nothing more than five dervishes banging drums for accompaniment, he performed three songs — two in English, one in Arabic before a dramatic, some would say rabble-rousing, ETICOTE.

Born Steven Georghiou, the son of a Greek Cypriot restau-rant owner and a Swedish mother, the singer, now 48, said he wants to "see how music can play a part in shaping Islam in Europe". He two decades campaigning for Islamic causes such as Kashmir, and running a school in Brondesbury, in the North London borough of Brent, but



Islam, formerly Cat Stevens, in Sarajevo, sings songs be wrote after being inspired by Bosnian Muslim folk music

hearing Bosnian folk melodies inspired a return to his musical roots.

Relaxing in the nearby Ho-tel Bosna before the concert, Islam was happy to talk to television crews and journalists about his faith and the new unadorned music with past was largely off-limits. A minder in the lift on the way up to his room suggested, for example, that Yusuf's apparent support for the fatwa

against Salman Rushdie should not be mentioned.

Earlier in the day Islam had a meeting with President Alija Izetbegovic — "an amazing man, he came out of jail to become President, what a story." Did he regret a past from which he cannot hide? Muslims we ac God has written," said Islam. Some of the songs have more meaning now than when I

ted still singing hits such as Morning has Broken to his youngest daughter, but that it would be "too much" to ever sing them in public again. Saturday's songs, entitled Lit-tle Ones and Mother, Father, Sister, Brother, bore the simplicity of the Cat Stevens of

Islam's concert attracted little publicity yet still managed to pack Skendaria to the rafters with a cross-section of Bosnian society. From ministers to soldiers to Srebrenica refugees, the faithful turned up to a deeply Islamic event that many said confirmed a new cultural identity. Few commented on the irony that Yusuf was born into the same faith as the Bosnian Serbs just

As old men in Muslim berets, veiled women and soldiers in fatigues drifted away, Islam prepared for the next concert, in Turkey.

English top of the class FROM PETER CAPELIA IN GENEVA (AJORITY of Swiss people t their children to learn ish as a second language d of another of Switzerfour other

land's four other national tongues, according to an opinion poli.

Sixty per cent of German-speaking Swiss would like English to be taught at school before French, while 57 per cent of French-speakers had a similar preference for English as a second language over German, the survey in the weekly Facts indicated.

Language teaching is regarded as a key binding agent that overcomes the social tensions inherent in Switzerland's linguistic diversity. Sixty-four per cent of the country's seven million inhabitants live in German-speaking areas, 19 per cent in the French-speaking west and 7.6 per cent in Italian areas in the south. Romansh is spoken by only about 40,000 people. The three main languages are granted equal official status in the Constitution.

The survey was published as education chiefs sought to defend the teaching of French. German or Italian as a second language throughout Switzerland. Regional authorities in Zurich are examining a project that would break away from national practice by introducing English early primary school by 2000.

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in jeopardy by the collapse in the US Congress of a compromise on funding the organis-ation (James Bone writes).

As diplomats were gearing up last week to meet the threat from President Saddam Hussein over arms inspections, Congress dropped legislation

New York: The future of the United Nations has been put unrelated dispute between the Republican majority and the Clinton Administration over abortion. The UN faces financial ruin next year because of the shortfall: Washington, which pays 25 per cent of the body's budget, owes \$1.3 billion (£812 million), or 60 per

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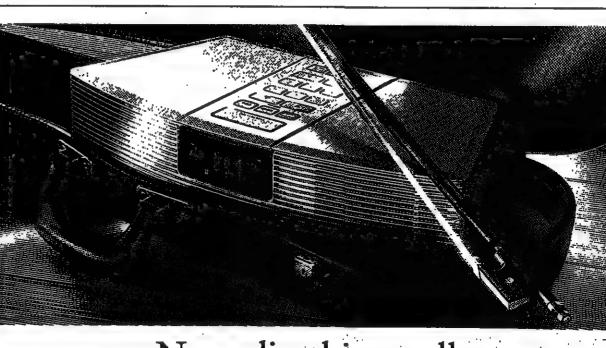
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respondents have long been the natural target for foreigners wanting to work or study in Britain.

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The telephone rings: it is the landlord's daughter, Steffi, on the line. She is a fourth-year medical student looking, with increasing desperation, for a placement in a London hospital. A bearded young man pops his head around the office door, sure that The Times knows how to secure a job as a vet in Yorkshire,

Most of these pleasant young people are shunned by British employers and are lucky if they even receive a rejection letter. Similar obstacles exist for the British trying **INSIDE GERMANY**



to work in Germany. Indeed, there are hurdles throughout the European Union German researchers have been struck by the immobility of Europeans. Only 23 per cent of Germany's 81 million in-

habitants come from another EU state. In Britain, Spain and Denmark, the propor-tion is even smaller. Movements between the European Union states have barely increased," said Heinz Werner, migration expert at the Nuremberg Labour Research Institute. The Eurostat fig-ures bear him out. In 1992, when the EU had three fewer members, and the single market was in its infancy, 2.6 million Europeans were working in other states. By 1995, the number had dropped to

The American option to travel in search of Labour movement matters work or to sell labour European economic and monetary union is to funcavailable. Even inside Gertion. Americans typically change jobs — and locations many the labour force seems to be frozen to the ground. North Germans, once the most adventurous, move only reluctantly to Bavaria even though employment rates in the south are much higher. Even the internal migration from blighted eastern Germany to the west has slowed

As for trying to persuade

German executives to settle abroad for their companies. personnel managers are in despair. Siemens is having to insist that executives serve time abroad if they are to be considered for senior positions. Top civil servants are reluctant to take on influential jobs with organisations such as the International Monetary Fund, Jacques Attali, when he was the head

of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, trawled Frankfurt in vain for bankers willing to work in London Younger executives are nervous about redundancy and would prefer to stay closer to headquarters gossip, and he ready to benefit from German labour

law and social security. Mass unemployment is breeding a new conservatism among 30-year-olds, many of whom seem to have narrowed their life goal down to acquiring their own house in the country. These are cultural impediments to a mobile Europe, adding to the obvious language barriers. Bureaucracy also deters the worker from straying across

into Germany to work pays Danish taxes and German social welfare contributions: that is, he pays twice.

n many countries, the mood is so hostile to foreign workers "stealing" domestic jobs that immigration authorities feel it their patriotic duty to drag their feet and lose forms.

The Italian authorities can take months to register a foreigner, who then finds it difficult to open a bank account and receive his salarv. British builders in Normandy have problems getting electricity because their cable apparently does not meet French safety stanempty because the wiring did not conform to German standards: it was therefore deemed unsafe for Germans. Herr Kohl, the German Chancellor, has joined the British Government ahead of the Euro summit in calling for more deregulation of the labour market. But the German leader and his European colleagues should be concentrating on a top-tobottom social deregulation

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Europe's credos, the freedom

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EMU to work, he will have to

get on his bike; it is time that Europe started moving.

British forces in Berlin stayed

Oilfields foster Azerbaijan's dream of riches

A CENTURY after this elegant city enriched the great commercial dynasties of Rockefeller, Rothschild and Nobel. Baku is once again reclaiming its status as a boom town and luring back today's would-be tycoons.

In the medieval walled city limousines navigate the narrow cobbled streets, ferrying executives to flashy new oil company headquarters. At the harbour huge new offshore platforms are being constructed for the vast fields of the Caspian basin waiting to be exploited. By night, newly monied Azerbaijanis, many the sons of senior officials, win and lose small fortunes on the tables of the city's new casinos.

This once sleepy Soviet town has reawakened after a 70year Communist slumber and is again hungry for business. This week, as politicians and businessmen descended on the Azerbaijani capital to celebrate the opening of the first of several new offshore oil pipelines, the guest list at one champagne reception could easily have been assembled in. Dubai, Houston or London. Tim Eggar, the former Tory minister and now an oil

Baku is booming

again after 70 years of neglect writes Richard

with Texan oil men in cowboy boots and Caucasian energy officials in astrakhan fur hats, as waiters passed around the caviare canapes.

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To an outsider the scene might look surreal. Until only a few months ago Baku, for all its fading glory, looked much like any other depressed former Soviet city where post-



Communist turmoil had destroyed the economy and impoverished its people. The scale of the changes are

hard for many Baku citizens to fathom. Thomas Goltz, an established Baku resident and the author of Azerbaijan Dia-ries, said that only a few years ago even the most basic commodity was impossible to find. "Forget the shiny new Mercedes and casinos," he said. "My yardstick for how far Baku has come is that you could not even buy something as basic as a toilet seat only a couple of years ago," Now visitors can choose between two five-star hotels, eat in Mexican or Cajun restaurants and no self-respecting Baku citizen would be seen dead without their mobile phone.

The speed of the transformation is largely credited to President Aliyev, the sly former Communist Party politburo member whose ruthless leadership has brought political stability and billionpound foreign investment deals. However, Baku's cosmopolitan population has never stopped dreaming of a return to the glory days. After the Tsar liberalised the oil



One of the thousands of oil derricks near Baku that once supplied oil for the Soviet state. Now many foreigners are queuing up for a share

drive from the city centre, a

forest of rusting derricks set in

lakes of spilt oil serves as a

living symbol of the once

became the centre of the first oil rush, where Western adventurers and illiterate local traders became millionaires overnight. Magnates, responsible for supplying half the world's oil output by the turn of the century, spent their wealth on lavish villas, opera houses and even a replica of the casino in Monte Carlo.

lished one of the largest oil companies in Baku, created the city's first public gardens. importing thousands of plants and even topsoil to recreate a little slice of Scandinavia on the barren and oily shores of the Caspian, Later, the Rothschilds financed the railway which allowed the oil to reach the markets of Europe.

thriving industry, which was diverted during 70 years of Communist rule to serving the interests of the Soviet state. Now that the wealth once

again belongs to Azerbaijan, many are lining up for a who are continuing a long established relationship here. They can usually be found in Baku's new pubs, the Lord Nelson and Winston, where British Airways stewardesses are chatted up by oil drillers. travelling businessmen and energy consultants.

However, sceptics warn that the headlong rush for petro-

Much of the real wealth will only begin to materialise in the middle of the next decade after the Western investors have been paid off. Oil veterans advise against expecting a country with one million refugees, from the war with Armenia. a bloated and corrupt bureaucracy and collapsing Soviet infrastructure to be-

Yeltsin aide rebuked over book money

ANATOLI CHUBAIS, the First Deputy Prime Minister and chief architect of Russia's reform programme, faces a hard struggle to regain his political authority after narrowly escaping dismissal at the weekend over his accep-tance of a large cash advance from a Russian publisher.

On Saturday, President Yeltsin dismissed two associates of Mr Chubais, Maxim Boiko, the Deputy Prime Min-ister for Privatisation, and Pyotr Mostovoi, head of the Federal Bankruptcy Agency.

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for receiving their share of \$450,000 (£272,000) as an advance for a book on privatisation to be co-written with Mr Chubais and three other associates. The money was paid by Segodnya-Press, a publisher part-owned by an affiliate of Oneximbank, one of the country's largest banks and a big

beneficiary of sales of state companies.

A Kremlin statement on Saturday said Mr Yeltsin had rebuked Mr Chubais and pointed out the error of his actions. But he rejected an offer by Mr Chuhais, also Minister of Finance, to resign. The President did not think the law had been violated, but considered such actions by state officials to be incorrect." The two men had a second conversation yesterday, but no

details were released. The dispute comes as Mr Chubais and other members of the Government are trying to push next year's budget through the opposition-dominated State Duma, the lower house of parliament, which called on Friday for an investigation into the payment of advances to officials. Mr Chubais conceded that the payments, of which he is understood to have received a share of \$90,000, were excessive, but said the bulk had been donated to charity.

The Duma is to debate the budget on Wednesday, and opposition deputies, who have long regarded Mr Chubais as a figure of particular loathing. are certain to renew calls for his dismissal. Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, yesterday accused the Government of attempting to cover up "billions leaking away in all directions under Chubais's guidance. The fuss ... is just a small tip of the gigantic iceberg of corruption that permeates the executive branch of power," he told the

Interiax news agency. Most analysts agree Mr Yelisin can ill afford to dismiss Mr Chubais, who has personified economic policy since the presidential elections. Interfax quoted a Kremlin source as saying the President felt that such a move would destabilise the Government and seriously damage the economy.

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Stalinist Marchais dies at 77 in Paris

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

GEORGES MARCHAIS. the veteran Stalinist who ran the French Communist Party for two decades, died yesterday in a Paris hospital at the age of 77.

Marchais, born the year the Communist Party was founded, stuck to his hardline views against the tide of history, and never deviated from the belief that Communist rule had been "globally positive".

Beetle-browed, aggres-sive and a master in the art of political survival, Marchais was elected secretary-general of the party in 1972 and finally stepped down in 1994, handing over leadership to the more liberal Robert Hue.

Colleagues yesterday paid tribute to one of the key figures of postwar French politics, but Marchais will be remembered principally as an old-fashloned and rigid Sovietstyle leader, who presided over the steady decline of

his party. He played down human rights abuses in the Soviet Union, and even his most chronic misjudgments such as supporting the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia — were dismissed as "errors of analysis".

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Death of abused 'Cinderella', 9, stains New York

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

AN ANGUISHED New York is searching its civic soul after a nine-year-old girl was found dead at her Bronx home. having succumbed to advanced gangrene, malnutrition, numerous cigarette burns and a badly fractured skull. She had missed school for more than two months. Such absences should trigger a child abuse alert — but she

slipped through the net. Sabrina Green lived with her sister, 32 and the latter's boyfriend. Both have been arrested and charged with manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide and endangering the welfare of a child.

At a memorial service yesterday, Ronald Kelly, her father — a methadone addict who had not seen Sabrina since she was five - lashed out at the city's educational and childcare authorities, saying: "All I can see are her little hands reaching out and no

one to help her."
Sabrina was found dead last week after an anonymous caller alerted the ambulance service to "an unconscious child" at the Edenwald public housing estate. The rescue found her body bound to a bed and covered in festering sores. Untreated burns covered her face and hands. Gangrene, caused by

the loss of her right thumb, had blackened her right arm. She was emaciated, and her skull had a fracture caused by a blunt instrument.

The discovery led to an outcry in the press, which focused on Sabrina having missed school since early September. It is common practice to treat such chronic absence as an indicator of possible child abuse, yet there was no response from her school.

Under New York city law, if a pupil is absent for ten consecutive days school authorities must notify the Administration for Children's Services. That welfare body is then obliged to make a mandatory home visit. No one did in this

Authorities at Sabrina's school now claim that a telephone call was made, and that Yvette Green, her sister, said that the child was in hospital. Yet there is no note of a call, nor even of a follow-up. New York newspapers said that Sabrina was often marked present in class when she was

Rudy Crew, New York's Schools Chancellor, has conceded that the "system failed Sabrina Green". He said: "I am going to be very forthright. I don't think the system handled this very well. I am not

into forgiveness. I want to know who did what, when and where," Investigations are now focused on Ms Green, a mother of ten children aged from three to 17, and her unemployed boyfriend. Reports have emerged of how Ms Green treated Sabrina as a "Cinderella", starving her, punishing her, locking her up and beating her. Sabrina was born with

traces of crack in her system to an drug-addict mother, who died in 1991. She was placed in the care of a friend of her mother, who treated her well and enrolled her at a private school before dying in 1996. Then a family court entrusted the vivacious and intelligent pupil to Ms Green, who moved her to a dilapidated school. After that, Sabrina's condition apparently worsened rapidly.

☐ Police "suicide": A Long

Island teenager with gam-bling debts committed suicide by cop" yesterday — confronting two policemen with a toy gun, causing them to open fire. A note in a car belonging to Moshe Pergament, 19, the son of a wealthy property developer, said: "I'm sorry to get you involved. I just wanted to die." He owed \$6,000 (£3,550), mostly to



Kelly Flinn in her air force days before she was forced to resign over a love affair

KELLY FLINN, the former

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Ms Flinn writes. "I

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Pilot in sex scandal

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FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

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When family members

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foetal position, plutching a

stuffed elephant, There was

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face was swollen with crying.

I had blood on my hands ...

Finally, when I realised no one would ever understand

my feelings, my pain, my frustrations, I screamed at the

top of my lungs, 'I resign! Just

cide, "but I thought about it

hard. I imagined what my

suicide note would say and to

whom I'd send it I knew

where a gun was hidden in a

friend's house. I imagined ...

getting it." In the long term.

she says, her resignation was

the right decision.

She never attempted sui-

get out of my house!"

them off the walls."

for euro influence FROM CHARLES BREMNER THE Government's drive to exert British leadership in the European Union will be tested today when Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, bids in the face of French and German opposition for a seat at the planned high table of countries taking part in monetary union. As a non-participant when the single currency is launched, Britain will have no voice in the planned euro council, a body intended to co-

ordinate policies among the countries inside the proposed currency zone. The future finance ministers' forum is supposed to be informal, but Britain and the other likely non-members. Greece, Sweden and Denmark, are worried that EU power inevitably will gravitate to it, leaving the law-making

Britain

begins

battle

Ecofin council of all 15 menbers an empty shell. At the first debate on the new body in Brussels today, Mr Brown is expected to make the case for Britain to have an observer's seat. But Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, has ruled out the idea and German officials say they can see no reason for including non-members, a view shared by The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. "If you want to be at the table, then join the euro club," a

senior Dutch official said. Britain is also working to clip the wings of the future council, which the French are projecting as a body with global clout, along the lines of the G7 group of leading industrialised nations. In this, Britain can exploit misglyings

in Germany, the Commission and the future European Centrai Bank, which are all worried that the council could inject politics into the manage ment of the euro.

The central bank, which will be formed in the middle of next year after the choice of participants in the new currency, is the subject of intense Franco-German skirmishing.

President Chirac is pressing a French candidate for its presidency against the German-backed favourite. German-backed many has also hinted ar favouring a reserved seat for Britain on the bank's sixmember directorate, France and most other states flatly oppose the idea, saying that Britain must wait until it

decides to embrace the euro. Limiting the loss of influence from Britain's decision to stay out of Europe's paramount project is a priority for the Government as it prepares to take over the six-month EU presidency in January.

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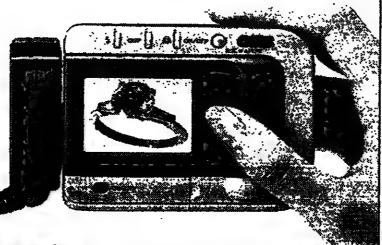


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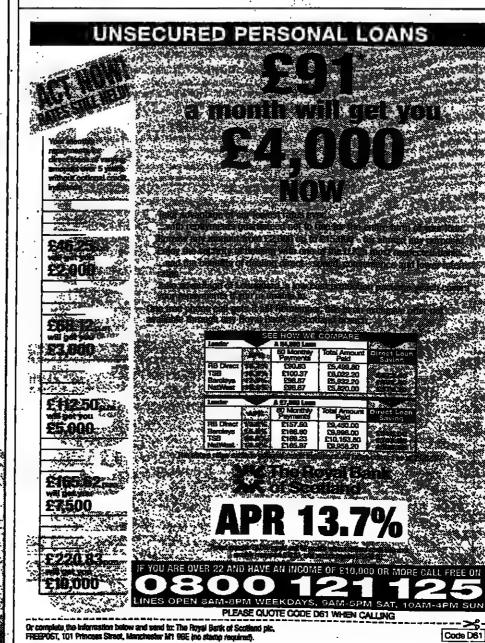
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Professor John Gearhart of Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University told a conference earlier this year

that he and Dr Michael Shamblott discovered how to culture human embryonic stem (ES) cells. These are found in the early embryo and have the capacity to thing from bone to muscle to nerve. It had been done before

SCIENCE BRIEFING Nigel Hawkes

mice, cows, rabbits and sheep, but this was the first time human ES cells had been successfully cultured. The biologists kept them alive for seven months.

They started with material from aborted foetuses five to seven weeks old, extracting cells and keeping them from differentiating into organs by adding materials called cytokines, which control the development process. Eventually, the cells begin to specialise, forming several types of tissue. To find out what these tissues are, the scientists are transplanting the cells into mice whose immune system has been turned off so they cannot cells are expected to develother scientists working with monkeys have produced muscle, cartilage, bone, teeth and hair, the American magazine The Scientist reports. The first application of techniques like these is

likely to be in treating diseases such as Parkinson's or Alzheimer's. Swedish research has shown that entbryonic cells taken from foctuses can alleviate Parkinson's symptoms, but the ethical dimension has always loomed large; trading

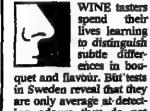
in aborted foetuses is dis-tasteful. Establishing a culture from a single foetus, caining it for a long period of would prove more acceptable. That is

what a company set up by scientists from the Institute of Psychiatry in Londo. ReNeuron, founded by

Professor Jeffrey Gray, Dr John Sinden and Dr Helen Hodges, will grow foetal brain stem cells in culture. and make them available to neurosurgeons for implanting into patients' brains. Experiments with rodents have shown that the cells migrate to areas of damage in the brain and there adopt the form of the dead cells, restoring function and memory.

The brain is a soft target because it does not reject foreign tissue. For transplants into other parts of a body, it would be necessary either to tailor the cells to match the recipient or, more usefully, to create a universal cell line that anybody would accept.

A great nose for grapes only



in Sweden reveal that they are only average at detecting odours they do not often experience.

Mats Bende, an ear, nose and throat specialist from Central Hospital in Skovde, and a psychologist, Steven Nordin, of the University of Umea, asked 22 professional wine tasters to smell a non-wine odour, butanol, in various dilutions to measure their threshold of detection.

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Comparison with non-experts showed no significant

Then they were asked whether a series of solutions had recognisable could detect and name odours found in wine at three times more dilute than untrained

This included vanilla. lemon, apple, violet, orange, vinegar, anisced and tar. But faced with the nonwine scents of almond. cinnamon and ammonia, they were no better than the controls, the Swedish team writes in Physiology





Dominant-handedness is found in no primates apart from human beings. The only other species that shares this trait is the parrot, which favours left-footedness

A big hand in evolution

handedness was equated with godlessness; today it is more often equated with genius or excep-tional talent. Throughout the ages, left-handers have been regarded with suspicion or reverence. Certain cultures still force children "at risk" of developing left-handedness to use their other hand.

Science has not yet come up with a reason for such a marked imbalance in handedness among human beings. Despite more than half a century of research, experts are still quibbling over how to disentangle the complex web of genes, culture and environment in which the solution to this riddle must lie.

Amid the confusion, a psychologist, Michael Corballis of Auckland University, has claimed the roots of

handedness lie in a random genetic mutation that was thrown up as hubeings man IN AMICE 150,000 years ago. His argument about why that mutation persists touches on some fundamental aspects of being human, such as

speech and language. Handedness is defined in several ways, but here it refers to the preferred writing hand. The 85 to 90 per cent dominance of right-handers has existed for at least 5,000 years. Other primates lack this bias; the only other species that shares it is the parrot, which favours left-footedness. Most others that display a preference for one foot, hand or paw over another show a

50:50 split in "pawedness". There is evidence that genes matter a lot. But unlike many other characteristics printed in our DNA, the mathematics are not straightforward. Two right-handed parents are 90 per cent likely to produce a right-handed child. Yet two left-handed parents are only 26 per cent likely to bear a lefthanded child. If only one pa-rent is left-handed, the child is Right-handers have been dominant for 5,000 years, but just how such a bias came about remains a mystery. Anjana Ahuja reports

both uniquely human traits -

to develop more rapidly than

before. And one of the spin-offs

was to bias human beings in

terms, means that individuals

with CD pairings produce

more viable offspring than those with the other pairings.

handed. One sticking point is that even though identical twins share identical genes, there seems to be little correlation on handedness.

To complicate matters fur-ther, handedness seems to be imperfectly allied to another important characteristic: the site of language in the brain. Nine out of ten right-handers use the left part of the brain for processing language; only seven out of ten left-handers use the left hemisphere.

How does this lateral bias in both hand and brain come about? One well-received moddeveloped by Chris McManus, Professor of

Psychology at University College London, postulates a handedness gene that exists in two complexity different versions, eles. The D allele represents destrality (right-handedness), and the C allele represents chance. According to the model, your handedness die is cast

which

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according to the permutation you inherit. And there are only three such permutations: DD, CD and CC. DD pairings are always right-handed. CD pairings are 75 per cent likely to be righthanded. CC equates to a 50 per cent chance of being right or left-handed. However, despite fitting the observations well, the model does not explain why or how this handedness could have evolved.

In a paper published in the latest issue of Psychological Review, Dr Corballis has drawn together decades of research in an effort to fill in the gaps. He suggests that at some point during the evolution of hominids (a class of primates that includes humans and great apes), the D allele suddenly appeared, possibly as a genetic mutation in one individual. Its main effect

bias in the brain is genetically was to introduce an asymmetry or bias in the brain that superior to a no-bias or exallowed the development of treme-bias situation. But why? Several scientists have suggestoolmaking and language -

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cause, for learning purposes, it

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favour of right-handedness. Scientists know by perusing processed by the same hemisphere of the brain. artworks through the ages that the proportion of leftrofessor McManus handed humans has been conexplains: "If an engistant for 5,000 years. Two alneer was building the leles of one gene can maintain human brain from stable proportions over such a scratch, he certainly wouldn't long time only if an unlike pair build it in its present form: two equally powerful halves with is "fitter" than other possible poor connections. It's like setpairings. This means a CD pairing must be more advanting up a company with two tageous than either CC (no biheadquarters, one in London as) or DD (extreme bias). Beand one in Melbourne, with just the telephone to connect ing fitter, in evolutionary

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achieved at the expense of the other side of the brain. In most people, the left hemisphere is larger than the right. Dr Corballis suggests that the D allele is responsible for "pruning" the right side of the brain. A DD pairing results in too much pruning; a CC pairing in too little or none.

According to this hypothesis, those with CC or DD pairings would have their brains wired in a less effective way. So they should show poorer cognitive skills than those with a CD pairing. Indeed, people who show extreme handedness are less accomplished at reading than moderate right or left-handers. Controversial studies in mathematical skill. spatial reasoning, academic achievement and speech-processing also seem to support the theory.

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genetic advantage, however tiny, was established, it would spread through a population like wildfire. He estimates it would have taken no longer than 30,000 years, or 1,250 generations, for this mutant allele to establish itself fully.

When could the D allele have emerged? It could have surfaced as H. sapiens emerged out of Africa. If H. sapiens was previously confined to a small area, it would provide an ideal environment for the rapid and compre-hensive spread of a mutation.

There are profound consequences of dating the mutation to H. saplens. It explains why toolmaking and language progressed so rapidly over the past 70,000 years, compared with the previous two million. Professor McManus says: "If this mutation determined only handedness, it would be just an eccentric little twist. But it put language in one half of the brain, which allowed us to develop complex social skills. And it is that complexity which

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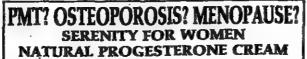


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'Two good parents is ideal. One good one is good enough'

Christa Worthington reflects on why she joined a group that helps single women to become mothers

omeone, a date, I think, once asked me if I was alraid of death. Pensive youth that I was, I said no, I wasn't afraid of dying; I was afraid of

never having lived. Well, I didn't marry him or anyone else, and I'm still thinking such thoughts, but they are more pressing now that haif my life has gone by. For years I hoarded motherhood carefully, like a squirrel does nuts. I planned to retrieve it one day when I was absolutely safe and sound.

Throughout my thirties my thoughts about babies were often sad and anxious, given that I wasn't becoming a mother when I expected to. But as soon as I had the luck to fall in love, I would revert to glowing optimism, attached to

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a particular man. And all would be right with the world for a time.

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This much - the thinking about it - comes as a liberation. At the far end of my childbearing years, choice, the feminist banner I waved in the Seventies, is painted in very different colours. To control fertility now means having the

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Christa Worthington: "There is, now, no father for a child of mine, no husband for me. What if there never is? I have had to stare this scenario in the face; to my surprise, it hasn't killed me"

option of conceiving without a man in the picture — a freedom that brings with it awesome responsibility and, like abortion, the occasional wrath of others.

In the parlance of Single Mothers by Choice (SMC), a 15-year-old national support group for women like me, I have become a "Thinker"; someone still in the Rodin pose, who has not yet gone prone, into "trying", through

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insemination by an anonymous donor or someone [know. I am also considering adoption. I haven't made up my mind: I'm too preoccupied with wrestling my biological time limit to the ground. It's a weirdly omnipotent yet power-less position — being intensely aware of your reproductive capacities as you watch them fade to black.

"To think," in SMC terms, is to enter a gestation period very like a pregnancy, with its own queasiness, cravings and sensations. It has its emotional distortions and its highs and lows, all moving on the rock Ruth offers

bed, slippery and unforgiving, of re-ality. If I do pair my genetic materi-al with that of an unonymous sperm donor, I will be accused of contributing to the breakjust as I manage to there has been loud public debate over the rights of gay

pathy, discussion of the single woman's journey to the edge of fertility is taboo. There is a perceived failure in it.

For me, the real failure would be not to decide, but to let denial do it for me. I see this and cringe: the 48-year-old who believes that nature will make an exception in her case. I do not want to be an eternal girl-woman. "There is a lot of denial," says Jane Mattes, the founder of SMC. "You see it especially among women with money. But there's a limit to fertility, even with money. You spend 20 years trying not to get pregnant; then you turn around and find that it's hard to conceive," she says, voicing the lament of my generation.

Ms Mattes, a psychotherapist, convened a group of single mothers, like herself, in her home in 1981. By 1982 the group had become a non-

profit organisation, and now has members in most states. She and other mothers share information, run workshops for Thinkers, Tryers and Stuck Thinkers, and network through an SMC newsletter. Of the group's 2,000 members, 98 per cent have a college education, and on average this group earns \$42,000 (£26,000) year, about \$10,000 more than the average American man in the same age group. Statistics indicate that by 2001, up to 40 per cent of all babies born in the United States will be to single mothers. "People

hear that there are two parents and assume they are good parents," says Ms Mattes.
"Two good parents is the ideal. One her donor's good parent is good enough." Flity per cent of not to have a child.

What is the differ-

Thinker who tries

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siblings! and one who doesn't? "You have couples to have to grieve use Mattes says. That, for me, is the irony of being a Thinker: you must embrace the heartrending imperfections that you have spent a lifetime sanding smooth; making sure

not to marry the wrong man

or put a child in a shaky

situation. The key is to not see yourself as a fallure," says my friend Ruth, seven months pregnant by anonymous donor insemination (DI), and I feel a flood of relief. I held the door open for Ruth at my first SMC meeting, and she has since shot past me, to pregnan-cy by a donor whose long form (medical and genetic history going back three generations) and audiotape she liked. "I still want a husband for me and a father for my child. I still have that dream," she says.

"I've just postponed it." A year ago, Ruth and I

walked into an SMC meeting in Manhattan together, in the basement of a community centre that felt like a bomb shelter. Where were the men? Had there been a war? Women of all shapes and sizes, beautiful and not, well-off and not, had gathered in a circle of chairs around toddlers fighting over toys. Anxiety was palpable among the Tryers. though not from the Mothers - they seemed serene. DI is an emotional rollercoaster of hope and disappointment that can go on for months at (at least) \$700 a cycle. A few of the women had quasi-partners in the wings: longstanding rela-tionships with married or unavailable men.

Te broke up into small circles of Tryers, Thinkers and Mothers. An elegant brunette bent her ear a tape recorder, to scrutinise, in a dreamy, rhapdonor whose sperm she had ordered. Women fanned out around her like children at story hour, all craning to hear. He sounded great, they assured her. Then the voice on the tape made a grammatical

Taped interviews in which a donor responds to questions about his health, family and interests are the latest offering from an industry increasingly pressured to be less amonymous, especially by SMCs. I go for a smooth baritone.
"Distinguishing characteristics... I can't think of any." said a 24-year-old history major whose tape I had ordered, and I thought I heard a voice I could listen to for a lifetime.

slip, and the brunette winced.

I see I am in a new stage of the process. I have begun to do things I never thought I would. I read the long profiles three times over before I go to sleep, divining beauty in the merest description: black hair, green eyes. I research adoption agencies, then stop, overwhelmed.

"Are you looking for eggs?"

cheered by the note on a donor room of the fertility clinic. form, written in the donor's own hand, that his mother have come here for preliminary tests, to buy time as I looked like Liz Taylor "without waste it. Crates holding frozen sperm in containers of liquid the ensuing weight gain". I feel torrents of warmth for this nitrogen are left, like milk, by man. But he's "out", as in "sold the door. "No, I'm looking for out", when I phone the 800 sperm," I say, and the rock number to order. star on the modular sofa laughs. The doctor directs me to binders of profiles, selected at random from the sperm bank, from which I am to peruse my future. (Photos of sperm donors remain unavailable, even though photos of young female egg donors are offered in triplicate — smiling. full-length and in close-up.) We'll start with DI, and if that doesn't work in a few months, we'll go to in vitro."

he declares. In vitro, extract-

ing eggs to fertilise in a Petri

dish, is an entirely different

animal to me, one that costs

\$7,000 to \$10,000 a try. So I am

"I think my donor's cute," says Ruth, never having seen him, and she offers me his donor number, four digits long. This is an incredible act of generosity. We could have siblings! (He has also sold out.) I later learn that SMC has started a sibling registry.

"I want to tell you to just go ahead," Ruth says. "But I know it's a hard decision." She seems so far ahead of me, as well as near. "I really can't wait to see this kid," she says in a tone unique to this new blind faith, and we fall silent thinking those old thoughts: Whose hair? Whose eyes?



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Manchester United ruined my life

ICial Supporting Manchester City is one of football's of life great lost causes. So why do five old friends keep doing it? Interview by Jason Cowley

Sunday, May 5, 1996 - the day their beloved team were relegated after losing at home to Liverpool, and their despised rivals, Manchester United, won the FA Carling Premiership. It was the day, too, when four men returned to the city of their childhood to mark more than 40 years of friendship and devotion to one of football's great lost causes: supporting Manchester City.

They were Colin Shindler, a writer and producer. David Green, a film director and managing director of September Films, Jeffrey Cohen and Michael Chadwick. "It was the most extraordinary week-end," Shindler says. "It seemed like this siren call had gone out from Maine Road City's home ground], drawing people home from all over the

Howard Davies, a close friend of Shindler and chairman of the Financial Services Association -as well as former Deputy Governor of the Bank of England was also at a game given added resonance by the fact that it coincided with the

40th anniversary of City's FA Cup Final victory over Birmingham Manchester goalkeeper, Bert Trautmann, a former German prisoner-of-war, famously played on in great pain after breaking his neck. The friends' reunion in-

spired Shindler to write Manchester United Ruined My Life, an autobiographical account of his devotion to Manchester City, which will be published by Hodder Headline next spring. The book touches on the glorious irrationality of fandom, something psychologically complex and bound up with tribalism and feelings of identity and force over which one has

absolutely no control. For the true fan, loyalties be altered; not even if, as in the says. "If the phone rings after use of Manchester City, sup-

sorting a failure of football ciub brings with it only misery and dejection, brings with it. as it does for Shindler and his whingeing friends, the only source of weakness in a life of profes-

sional strength. The contrast between the position sidelines' of the two Manchester clubs could not be starker. Uni-

ted, the richest and arguably most glamorous club in the world, are top of the Premiership and among the favourites to win the European Cup. For United the 1990s has been a championships, two FA Cups and two Doubles; their wealth is boosted by an incomparable merchandising empire.

City, in a state of perpetual crisis, are floundering at the bottom of the First Division. The club, which has the potential to be one of the biggest in England, has never been in a worse position in its 110-year history. A second relegation in three years is possible.

Unlike City, with its stadium in depressed Moss Side and support drawn largely from within Manchester, United are a national, even international, club, with a cosmopolitan glamour. The old joke about never hearing a Manchester accent at Old Trafford - United's marvellous stadium — has a ring of satirical truth; there are as many Cockney as Mancunian

rue Manchester City fans will never forget lutely local: gritty, poor, stubbornly proud.

Yet Shindler can no more switch allegiance to United than he can change the colour of his eyes; supporting City is intrinsic to who he is. As Davies puts it: "My support of City is not a matter of choice. I inherited two fatal flaws from my father; premature baldness and Manchester City, neither of which I can change. It's like a tribal bond, some-

Shindler with his hero Colin Bell

As a financial regulator, Davies leads a life, he says, of

bounded rationality: quanti-tive, rigorous, analytical. "My

work involves logic and ratio-

nality. Yet supporting City is clearly irrational. What is

happening at the club is

disastrous, awful; but no mat-

and affluent achievement.

They have collaborated on

numerous projects and films,

including Buster, about the

train robber Buster Edwards.

"The club has always been a

Howard. When we

were separated by

6.000 miles [Green

spent four years in Los Angeles], I

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David Green adds, laugh-

ing: "I can remember those early mornings in California

- fiddling with my long-wave radio trying to find the World Service; and I knew Colin was

there in England waiting for the same result, sharing the

City even brought them together when they fell out

after Buster. "After that film I

grabbed most of the success,

Green says, "I went to direct in Hollywood, leaving Colin,

who wrote the script, holding

the proverbial baby in Muswell Hill. I was making a

lot of money, living the mil-

wasn't a money thing. Like

Howard, I'm not really inter-

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everything away from me

except my books. But I thought

we were partners, we did everything together ... His

The two friends are relaxing

in the Soho offices of Septem-

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of a lifetime of friendship.

Shindler interjects:

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ment," Shindler says of the 1956 final. It was the game that made Green a City fan. "I remember watching it on television when I was seven," he says. "I later met Howard Da vies at primary school. He stood out not just because he was going bald at the age of eight, but because he Manchester City fans

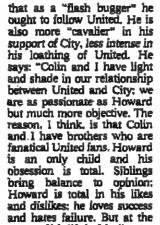
at the school." He breaks off to laugh, pointing out that he and Davies have always enjoyed a playfully antagonistic relationship. After primary school Green went to Bury, where he met Colin Shindler, and Howard Davies to Manchester Gramagain at Oxford; they share little, Green jokes, but their enduring, fanatical support for City. "We only ever meet either in the gift shop at Maine Road or

at a mutual friend's party. But in fairness to Howard, he was probably going bald precisely because he was one of the few Manchester City fans. Even in a huge dominance of United ians - what with the Busby Babes and, later, the Munich

ter how bad it gets I have this emotional attachment to them For his part, Davies has no recollection of David Green at primary school. "I met him at As for Davies, so with Oxford," he says, sternly. "He Shindler and Green: supporting City is a tle that binds, a introduced me to Colin, who narrative thread linking their hoyhood in Manchester to was at Cambridge, and with whom I go to watch City all the their London lives of ambition time. I haven't seen David at many games.

Even in their contempt for United the two old university friends are at odds. Davies, describing himself as a City rather than a football fan. would rather never watch ted. "I absolutely loathe them. What gets to me about United is their ubiquity; you can't Bobby Chariton's daughter presenting the weather."

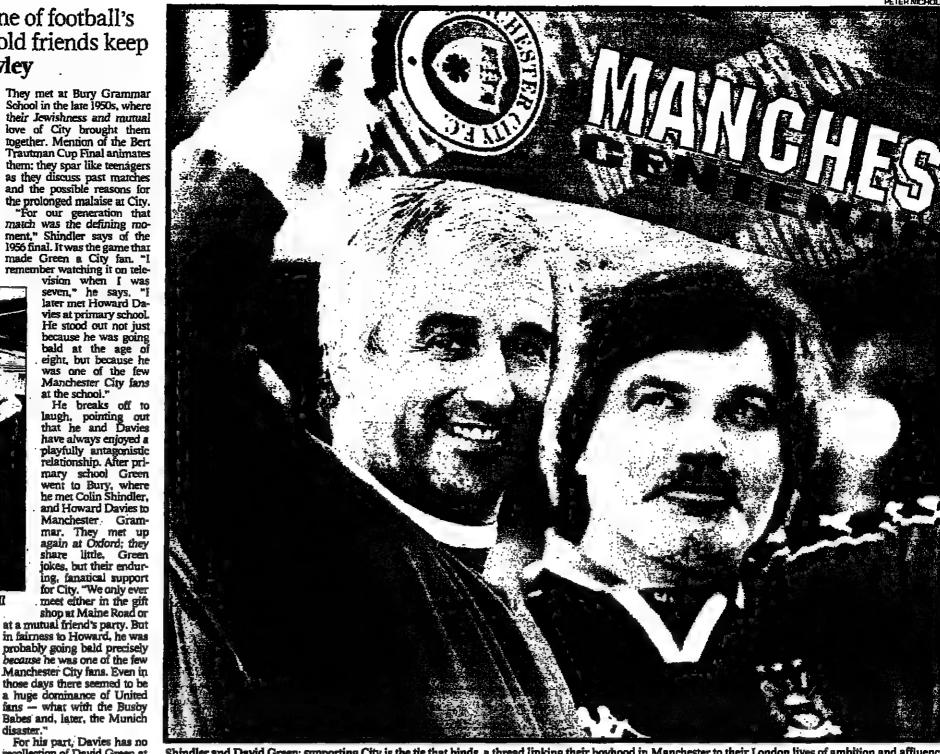
Green, who gently dismisses Shindler and Davies as roundheads ("in Howard's case quite literally"), concedes



thing he believes in." Again Davies disagrees.



Howard Davies: "My support for City is tribal"



Shindler and David Green: supporting City is the tie that binds, a thread linking their boyhood in Manchester to their London lives of ambition and affluence

also more "cavalier" in his support of City, less intense in his loathing of United. He says: "Colin and I have light and shade in our relationship between United and City; we are as passionate as Howard but much more objective. The reason. I think is that Colin

and I have brothers who are is an only child and his obsession is total. Siblings Howard is total in his likes and dislikes; he loves success and hates failure. But at the centre of his life is this disaster zone that contradicts every-

"All this about being an only child . . . I have always regarded myself as a gregarious person, not some driven loner. It sounds like cod psychology

Yet for all their sparting and protestations of gloom, one feels that these City fans would not want things any other way; that they derive a perverse pleasure from following

They clearly seek to discover abundance in loss, by locating happiness in the search for glory rather than in its realisation; in the pursuit of happiness, not its fulfilment. Shindler says: "Yes, you're right. I rather like being an outsider, the whingeing bloke on the sidelines, not part of the in-crowd. I like the fact that City will always be seen as the other club in town. This was the case even when we were the better team in the late 1960s and early 1970s. I would hate it if City became fashionable." And so would Davies and Green, who concedes that City's failure is a levelling influence in his life.

But are they being a touch disingenuous? As the chosen team of the Gallagher brothers of Oasis, City surely have acquired a kind of negative glamour, a frayed fashionability, as it were. Green partially agrees, but counters thus: "But even here United have the edge. Look, City might have the rude and vulgar Gallagher brothers as supporters, but United's star player, David Beckham, goes out with one of the Spice Girls. You see what I mean: it's cooler having a player who goes to bed with a Spice Girl than famous supporters who are rude and disgusting. United seem to top City at every stage."

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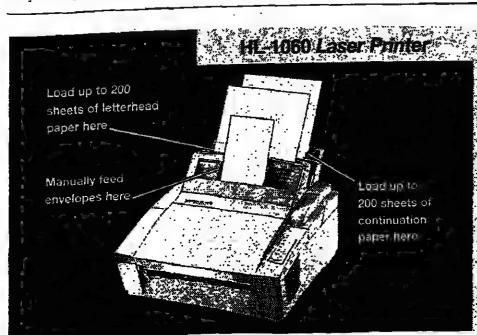
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few weeks ago a university lecturer accused me in one of his lectures of being a white, heterosexual, male English novelist. Clearly he wanted his students to perceive this as a crucial limitation, even evidence of a malaise, for he added that these crimes meant that I was a supporter of the canon of English literature - Chaucer. Shakespeare. George Eliot, Waugh, Murdoch - which meant that I was utterly con-

demned in the estimation of lecturers such as himself, forgers of the new charter of letters. Perhaps this is an isolated incident. I've been told that the universities of Britain are emptying of the sloganising, politically correct tormentors of yesteryear. That caricature was reinforced by the fiction of colleagues whose careers straddled the academy and the novel in which they so often gave their learned colleagues a very bad press. If those of us who did not read English at

university have a fearful view of

what goes on there, then our

Why am I published and damned?

the pages of those who brought us news from the front in their damning fictions. So the accusation may have been the stray remark of a sud leftover.

Nevertheless, it pricked up my ears because it has undoubted resonance. One day, possibly, it may seem a good time to attempt to set down at some length a chronicle of the trajectory that took me from scribbling Keatsian (as I hoped) verse in secret at 15 to the publishing of a novel ten years later and going on from there. There were obstacles and surprises which might bear the telling, not least the continuing involvement of English literature and its critics with the English class system and its end-less permutations. There is also the clash between the sensibilities and perceptions of the working class and those of other cultures in this society - often as wide a gap as isations. Then there is

the whole issue of being in-volved in the media as well as the way that relationship has corkscrewed through the past three decades But this white male heterosex ua! English

worth a few remarks now, because it applies to so many of us writing today. It may be open to instant rebuttal to say that being a WMHE author over the past three decades has indeed felt like being not so much marginal-

strably untrue) but certainly set aside by history. The real tides sweeping to the rying other cargo. Feminism

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have claimed parity of quality in fiction, the notion of women's literature, literature about women and literature not only explaining but championing women, gathered great force from the 1960s. Its association

with a vital and necessary move-

ment in society gave it a relevance

hope to share, however sympathetfiction and in his politics. The women had it.

o did the non-English, whether it was the non-English of the English-speaking Old Commonwealth whose writers we were told and still are told have reinvigorated the tired old WMHE novel; or those magical realists from South America whose new manipulations of old fables sent a thrill of liberation through some part of the generation; or the Americans whose hugely impres-sive and ambitious writers overawed many of their long ago colonial masters. The non-English

been and continues to be a surge in literature drawing its material

specifically from a non-white past. Some claim to discover in that past a reservoir of energy denied to whites because of their guilt, shame and exhaustion. The non-whites

And the non-heterosexuals. Once again a stream which has run steadily through English literature for centuries became a flood after oppressive and unfair laws were cut off and homosexuality could disengage itself from criminality and public opprobrium. Again. almost step by step with feminism and non-white literature, the tide brought in a new mass of work which, again, almost defined itself against the WMHE novelists.

All this has some historical validity and has brought many positive qualities to the novel. What our lecturer missed, though, was the most important thing of all. Simply, never trust the teller, trust. the tale. Good fiction, like any other art, can choose to come from the most unexpected sources - and even in 1997 that includes white

Horse play but no fun

The shock of Peter. Shaffer's 1973 classic will always be the obscene, wilful act of a 17-yearold boy who blinds six horses with a metal spike. Even now, in a culture supposedly hardened to such arbitrary violence, this act still has a taboolike impact.

Terry Hands launches his first season as artistic director of Theatr Clwyd with a daring staging set in slate-like darkness with characters picked out by lonely spotlights. Here, in a flurry of intense encounters, we witness the uncanny. spell that the horse-mad boy Alan Strang exerts on the imagination of his middleaged psychologist, Martin Dysart. A single chair pro-vides the only visible sign of comfort in a sapping first half that short-circuits Alan's supposed madness with Martin's spiritually bankrupt life. It proves a surreal, slightly dreamy match in which all the

Theatr Clwyd

characters are dressed in whites or creams, as if their. natural juices had been bleached out of them. Frank. Grimes's fearful Martin may be the sophisticated analyst, but he is in awe of the savage sado-erotic faith that he is paid to cut out of Alan. In every respect this play is really his tragedy, but Grimes's tortured analyst gives in too easily to: Oliver Ryan's compelling Alan. The pop-eyed teenager worships horses with the intensity of only the most religious and demented.

is mother, Lynne Verrall's Dora, and his father. Robert Robert & Blythe's Frank, muddy the waters with their marital tugof-war over who is to blame. But these seem like incidental squabbles until Manon Earnes's febrile stable girl Hesther precipitates the dangerous endgame when she finally forces Alan into the barn (his temple to Equus) for sex. The resultant drama is like watching a car crash replayed in slow motion; a nightmarish metaphor for a youth who blends sex with the

worst excesses of religion Despite the thriller-like quality of Hands's production. he never quite unlocks the Greek passions his production aspires to. Raw spirituality is an easy winner over rational middle age. Yet there are some? sterling performances, particularly the (human) horses, choreographed by Jane Elliott, who creepily and brilliantly steal the show. I'd put a fiver on Alun Ragian's supremely convincing Nugget to win Horse of the Year.

BENEDICT

JAMES CHRISTOPHER



f you were feeling un-kind, or maybe just being painfully frank, you could dismiss Disney's movie of The Lion King as a not-very-inventive cartoon that got pretty preachy about that all-American obsession, the need to prove yourself to a loving but demanding Pa. Equally, you might accuse Disney's stage version of Beauty and the Beast of being a piece of sentimental frippery whose dancing cups and saucers were the more irritating for their over-abundance of technological wizardry.

But your sour feelings about the Disneyites would surely vanish after an evening in the New Amsterdam theatre. Not only have they transformed a derelict old playhouse in the grottiest part of 42nd Street into a pleasure dome that looks as if it has been jointly decorated by Della Robbia and Dante Gabriel Rossetti. Their stage version of The Lion King is imaginatively so superior both to the movie version and to Beauty and the Beast that it left this ageing

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sceptic itching to run round Times Square shouting paeans to the unique power of theatre.

Most parents will know the story. King Mufasa's murder is sneakily arranged by his brother Scar and his son and heir, the cub Simba, is sent packing. In the desert he is befriended and brought up by a warthog and a meerkat. Simba matures and, despite his feelings of guilt for his father's death, returns to defeat Scar's hyena henchmen and claim his heritage. With a cast consisting entirely of articulate animals, the film was often fun, sometimes cute, occasionally touching, but not so convincing when it came to talking up nature's "delicate balance" and passing off hungry carnivores as crusaders for a sound ecology

On the stage, Roger Allers and Irene Mecchi's book is the same and not at all the same. The feel has totally changed, thanks to the brilliant young director-designer Julie Taymor. You sense it the moment rhinos, elephants, gazelles and other exotic-looking creatures pour in from the wings and up the aisles to authentically African chants. What we are about to experience is partly a wonderfully challenging game of let's-pretend, partly a ritual retelling of an exemplary tale of death and renewal in the Dark Continent.



Julie Taymor's brilliant designs bring Elton John's Circle of Life song dazzlingly to life

That explains why there is no attempt wholly to disguise the actors. A human chorus sometimes appears, swaying and singing in full tribal costume. Since you can see them, you are always aware that people are manipulating creatures that take scores of forms: puppets big and little, masks large and small, stylised bodies with bits of person protruding from them. birds whirling from sticks. even a Heath Robinson trike tricked out with tiny, leaping

ly an elegant sculpture on spindly crutches and stilts, a gaudy wigwam with a skull on top, and a silhouette glimpsed behind a white cloth.

Though geysers spout and the dead Mufasa's face spectacularly appears from a heaving mass of clouds and rocks, the high-tech stuff is unobtrusive or non-existent. Drought is signalled simply by a blue cloth slowly disappearing into a hole. The marvellously inventive stampede that kills Samuel Wright's Mufasa

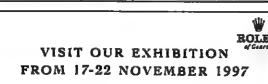
pharaoh, Roman centurion and leonine superhero) ends with him lost amid clattering figures with vast wildebeest masks and hairy, satyr-like legs. Tribal ceremony and mythic story become one.

Elton John and Tim Rice's more un-African songs, which include that perky ode to sloth Hakuna Matata and a beautiful lament for lost paradise called Shadowland, might have clashed with the veldand jungle mood; but Taymor's production bounced me everything else. It takes excep-tional skill to integrate John Vickery's sneering, lacquered Scar with Max Casella's jokey meerkat, and them with vegetation that variously consists of simple fronds and spiky rasses, balloon-like bulges cacti, and green-painted dancers - but Taymor brings

Myself, I was far too preoccupied with the cross snapping below a shaken-sheet waterfall, the hyena lowlife that was snickering its way through the elephant ossuary to take any notice of the New Amsterdam during the performance. But a happy interval may be spent admiring the Victorian murals and stained glass, the sculpted roses and peacocks and huge, solemn Muses of the most splendidly restored playhouse I have seen. Indeed, the whole experience left me with the strangest feeling. I was proud to be a

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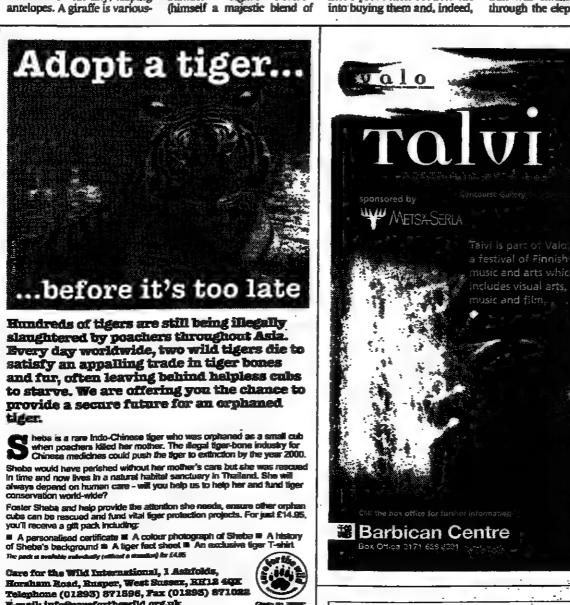


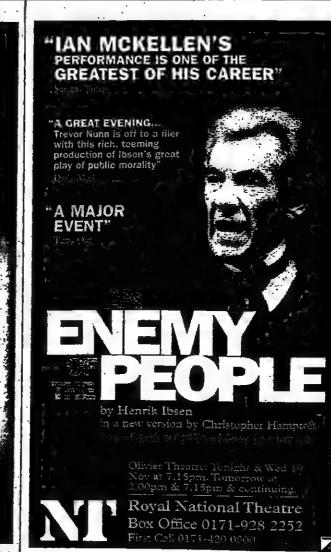
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the company's music director and, faute de mieux, chief executive — to quote Holden's "menage à trois" line in a curtain speech rallying sup-port. His remark that eight of the nine performances ENO had given since The Day had played to audiences too large for any other London theatre said it all, and the roar of solidarity would not have disgraced a football crowd.

Matthew Warchus's pro duction is shared with Opera North: when it was unveiled in Leeds earlier this year there were those, myself included. who wondered if it would transfer happily to the larger Coliseum stage. A needless worry: it has transferred beautifully, its strengths enhanced, its weaknesses minimised. Laura Hopkins's box sets for the first two acts are perched attractively and helpfully for words — right downstage in the middle of the proscenium opening; her false-perspective street and Windsor Forest have been rebuilt and gain enormously in atmosphere.
The chief virtue of War-

chus's direction is that it is text-based. There is a welcome absence of the sight-gags to which directors of Italianlanguage performances feel obliged to resort the laughs come from the words and the notes, and from an audience that is listening to the perfor-



Playing for laughs: Alan Opie sings his first Falstaff beautifully, with Rita Cullis as a splendid Mistress Alice Ford

mance rather than reading it. The action may be "straight" almost to a fault - no disguise for Ford, and so comely and young a Mistress Quickly that she should be the recipient of a third letter - but there are some good laughs, among them Rita Cullis's splendidly robust Alice deftly fielding flying items of laundry and

Alan Opie, for 23 years an

ENO artist, was singing his

first Paistaff. As always with him, words and notes are an indissoluble entity: the role was most beautifully, subtly phrased and enunciated, and the combination of a young voice and acute observation of old men's body language was perfect for the role. Keith Latham, a solid and satisfying singer, took a giant leap forward with his first Ford: his baritone is filling out noticeably at both top and bottom

and he hit the Jealousy Monologue with true Italianate slancio. Catherine Wyn-Rogers's young Quickly had no need for comic chest-register exaggeration: gorgeously full, coppery sound is already there, and she could just concentrate on singing the notes as expressively as they deserve.

As the lovers, Mary Plazas and Charles Workman looked like teenagers and sang with

easy lyricism; Cullis's Alice was, as in Leeds, pure joy to watch and hear. And, tactless to note since Daniel was in charge in Leeds, the score is rather better conducted and Oliver von Dohnanyi draws all the wit and warmth from the music without ever overwhelming the words. A joyful, inspiring

RODNEY MILNES

Hilary Finch reports on the merry revival of the 17th-century St Ceciliatide Festival in London

lessed Cecilia, she who is summoned annually to appear in visions to all musicians, almost certainly had nothing to do with music at all. A relentlessly celibate Roman wife, she refused to renounce her tatth and was left for 24 hours to suffocate in dry steam bath before receiving three axe-blows to the neck. She lived — at least for a significant three further days. Hence her canonisation. The iconographical organ, from which she has been inseparable ever since, was probably simply a mistranslation from the Latin organis, meaning the instruments played on her wedding day.

Nothing deterred by the vagaries of hagiography, a Baroque ensemble called Fiori Musicali and a group of punters called The Society of Gentlemen, Lovers of Musick have been conspiring for the past two years to revive a 17th-century London festival dedicated to St Cecilia's memory. November 22, 1683, saw the first St Cecilia's Day Concert. A year later, the

Feast to rival the heyday of Purcell

newly formed Society of Gentlemen. Lovers of Musick arranged for an annual concert to be held at Stationers' Hall on that day. In 1692, the year of Purcell's Hail! Bright Cecilia, the Gentlemen's Journal reported: splendid entertainment is provided, and before it is always a Performance of Music by the best voices and hands in Town.

Unfortunately the feasting, which was an integral part of the annual celebrations, turned into a veritable bacchanale of intolerable noise and rampant vandatism. The Gentlemen Lovers were unceremoniously banished from Stationers' Hall.

Exactly 300 years after the premiere of Purcell's Bright Cecilia, Dr Penelope Rapson and her Fiori Musicali marked the anniversary by performing the Ode in Stationers' Hall. The success of the event led to the restoration of the festival and, in 1995, to the revival of the Society of Gentlemen, Lovers of Musick to support it, and to provide the excuse for some better behaved, if no less lavish, banqueting. Today the society is chaired by Donald Trelford, himself a Member of the Worshipful Company of Stationers

and Newspaper Makers. In this year's seven nights of feasting and merrymaking the festival (which ends on Saturday with Handel's Alex-ander's Feast, will also extend to Schubert and New Orleans Jazz. Schubert's Fifth Symphony played by a Baroque ensemble? Rapson, who will first performed in a Viennese drawingroom, "and it needs to be treated with every bit as much respect for the right instrumentation and articulation as Baroque music". And on Friday Stationers' Hall will transform itself into the New Orleans Preservation Hall at the turn of the century (without the Temperance) with a visit from Brian White's Magna Jazz Band.

The last composer to hymn Cecilia was Arthur Bliss with his anthem Sing, Mortals in 1974. Does Rapson plan to revive the Gentlemen Lovers' tradition of commissioning new works? "Next year is likely to see our first commission. And we may commission new poetry as well."

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This was the effect of this programme in which he placed Shostakovich's Symphony No 15 before Schubert's String Quintet in C: two valedictory works by composers near enough to death to taste it. The contrast was violent. Besides the glowing wholeness of Schubert, the Shostakovich appears as a fitful dream, with ghostly quotations from Wagner, Rossini and Shostakovich himself stalking amid the skeletal clutter.

Why Kremer chose it is perplexing. Shostakovich's sparse scoring makes a reduction possible, but what the arranger Derevianko has written is an unimaginative transcription whereby the piano takes the bulk of the orchestration. The violin and cello struggle to be a string section toften playing in painfully uncushioned unison) and the percussion is unchanged. Despite the musicians' obvious commitment, one couldn't help feeling party to an ad hoc playthrough, the result of someone's outlandish idea of

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trying to play a symphony at the piano with some friends. Even the cellist Boris Pergamenschikov joined in 10 play the celeste, none too comfortably. That aside, there was fine work from the pianist Vadim Sakharov, Kremer and viola player Clemens Hagen. Hagen is developing a raw

side, perhaps from years of working with Kremer, while the latter is wilder than ever, furning Shostakovich's play on the Tristan theme into a gutsy street ballad. In one of the rare moments of creative instrumentation both players swung into what would have been glissando trombone chords with caustic glee. Kremer's dominating musi-

cal personality was always in danger of unbalancing the Schubert quintet. Not that he hadn't assembled a formidable team: Hagen was joined by Pergamenschikov, French vio list Gerard Caussée and the former Hagen Quartet violinist, Annette Bik, Their sound in the warmly embraced trio was exceptionally splendid Yet where Kremer was heetic they were reverent, where he veered from sublime pianissimo to crashing forte the others struggled to catch up, and with a more limited palette.

HELEN WALLACE

Original colours

💙 raham Collier. cur-JAZZ rently celebrating his sixtieth birthday. could be forgiven a spot of quiet self-congratulation. He is, after all, a true pioneer of British jazz: the first UK student at Boston's Berklee School of Music, and the first jazz recipient of an Arts Council bursary, for Workpoints. Most importantly, he has always been in the vanguard of those attempting to ensure that jazz takes root, grows and flourishes in this country, through education las artistic

of Music's jazz course since 1987) and workshops. ination to foster such individ-But Collier is, characteristically, as busy as ever at and - as in this deeply satisfying concert, the last in a short series with his 14-piece Jazz Ensemble - conducting performances of his latest compositions. He began with Three Simple Pieces. composed for his sixtieth birthday concert at the Royal Academy. and featuring four long-time associates: trumpeter/ flugelhorn player Steve Waterman. guitarist Ed Speight, saxophonist Art Themen and

drummer John Marshall. Both this and the following piece, Shapes, Colours, Energy, neatly encapsulated Col-lier's great compositional strengths: his masterly exploi-

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Graham Collier's Jazz Ensemble Purcell Room

tation of contrast, both dynamic and textural: the assurance with which he moves between impressionistic, free-ish passages and rambunctiously rhythmic ensemble romps; and the fine balance he maintains between composed and improvised elements. Collier's career-long determ-

uality and originality was celebrated in the concert's second half, in two more extended pieces: The Miro Tile and The Third Colour. The latter was the evening's most adventurous piece, courtesy of its reliance on Collier's signals as to who should improvise on its rousing and lilting themes. As a practical demonstration of Collier's central philos ophy - "it is the individual who is important, and combining a set of individuals can provoke an engaging result" this concert succeeded superbly, as importantly, however, it

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My plans to clean up party politics

Tony Blair says reform of

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The funding of political parties is one of the great unresolved questions of our democracy. No one who examines the current free-for-all believes it works well, or fairly. Yet for years nothing has been done. And until this Parliament there has been no Government prepared to take action to end the

As I promised long before the election, the Labour Party many times over. wants openness and fairness in procedures for party funding. So today, for the first time, the political will in government exists. So, too, does the means - a full review by the Neill committee, the successor to Nolan, which can set out clearly the principles and pro-cedures all parties should

The Labour Party made an important start in reform before the last election. I made it clear we would ban all foreign donations. We are doing it I said we would publish a list of all donors where donations are more than £5,000. And I

But that is only a start. The questions are whether there should be ceilings on the overall amount spent in national elections; whether there should be too limits for individual donations; and whether the name and amount of individual and company donors should be published.

Each of these suggestions would represent a major reform in itself. Taken together, they would add up to a completely new world of electoral finance, making for greater openness and fairness in our democracy. And it remains open to consider whether there should be business funding at all.

For years the Conservatives have been able to collect millions directly and from front organisations. They have done so from abroad as well as ed without ever formally naming the source of any donation. They have never declared one penny of the money they have

Even when pressed about dubious donors such as Asil Nadir, they have merely promised to consider the matter after a prosecution in a British court and even now failed to keep their promise to return the money. Recent promises to provide lists of donors have yet to be honoured. Today, while Labour has already acted, the Conservatives clearly have no desire to be open and above

Some say Labour should go beyond the reforms we have already proposed, and unilaterally set our own limits for the size of individual donations while at the same time naming all donors and the amounts they give.

Indeed, some say it would be right not only to propose this but to do it irrespective of what other parties are prepared to do. Yet the consequences for elections of this unilateral action should be considered in detail. It is not just that Labour donors alone would be subject to the kind of grotesque misrepresentation that David Sainsbury, Alec Reed and others have suffered in recent days. It is also that if the Conservatives refused to play by decent rules, while others exercised openness and restraint, then elections would be even less fair and democra-

cy would suffer. Far from advancing the cause of fairness, we would merely be aggravating an unjust position that has existed all century - where the Conservatives, with secret funding, have been able to outspend every other rival

So the question that must be faced is whether other parties will voluntarily do likewise, and if they do not what should be done. Clearly if they refuse to play by the rules, then there is no level playing field and democracy suffers.

The Labour Party will take its own position in its submission to Sir Patrick Neill. I will be recommending the tough-est possible set of rules. If there is one lesson to be learnt from this episode, it is that the current rules do not work.

I believe there to be powerful case for national limits on electoral expenditures. We will also be ready to limit individual and company donations to a modest amount. At the same time we stand ready to publish names and amounts.

We will be ready also to consider any proposals Sir Patrick has for state funding of political parties. At the moment state funding exists almost by the backdoor through support for Parliamentary research; Opposition party funding; help with free postage for all candidates sending their election addresses; and free TV time for party political broadcasts. Any examination of state funding should take all this into account. I remain, however, instinctively cautious about further such funding.

As the Neill investigation proceeds we are happy, too, to submit a list of all past donors. years. So we will be happy to open our books. But it is right that if we do that every party does so, and if Sir Patrick decides this is right we will offer legislative backing for any requests he makes.

eform is necessary, but it will require to be backed by measures to counteract loopholes and avoidance. So we have to be clear that we can avoid opportunities for front organisations to receive money. We have to be sure that there are arrangements in place for a proper policing of the system. And we have to be clear that we can ensure foreign funding is banned for good. We must not end up, as in the United States. with rules that start with the promise of tightening up on party donations and end in avoidance and then

disillusionment. Yesterday I apologised over the handling of the Formula One affair, and vowed that we learn the lessons. We will. One of them is that the laws on funding should be reformed sooner rather than later. Out of the difficulties of the past week, and out of the real scandals of the Tory years, can come changes that make for a healthier democracy. I stand ready to help Sir Patrick Neill bring in those changes. I urge other party leaders to join me.

Isaiah Berlin and Jimmy Goldsmith were utterly different personalities — but Jewishness was at their core

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Two men with their celebration in memory of Sir James Goldsmith at St John's, Smith Square; on Saturday and Sunday evening I viewed Michael Ignatieff's beautifully peaceful inter-views with with Sir Isaiah Berlin on hearts in history BBC2. I knew both men, about equally well, and had a rather similar relationship with each, one of longstanding and friendly acquaintance. As Henry Kissinger, who became a close friend of Jimmy Goldsmith only late in life, said of their early

with him — though I now wish I had. In the last long conversation I had with him, which was almost a year before his death. I felt he was more a Catholic than a Jew in relation to the next world, and more a Jew than a Catholic in relation to this one, but he

had faith in neither religion. There was no Catholicism in Isaiah Berlin, and no belief in God either. Michael Ignatieff brought out an apparent contradiciton in his liberal philosophy. He denied believing in absolutes, yet he also denied being a relativist; he recognised evil and opposed it. It was as though he saw evil as an absolute, and saw the absolute evil of Soviet Communism, but could not bring himself to regard any good as absolute; people had to choose good for themselves and build their own systems of value.

By the standards they set themselves, the lives of Isaiah Berlin and Jimmy Goldsmith were modest affairs, too successful to be called failures, but falling short of their highest potential. Isaiah Berlin was an influential liberal thinker, who played a gallant part in the mid-20thcentury counterattack on totalitarian dogmatism. He was a student of the history of ideas rather than an original philosopher. Jimmy Goldsmith built up a great fortune, which was his aim, but did not found a great business. His excursions into politics were well financed, but he could do little to hold back the tide of history when it was running against him. The fact that these two men were among the most interesting and valuable people of their time, does not alter the limitation in their achieve ment; that was fully recognised in his own case by Isaiah Berlin in the

Their most admirable quality was not that they prevailed, though each had an important influence, but that they struggled with the great issues. My own experience is that this struggle has been much more common among my Jewish than among my non-Jewish friends; among oth-

William Rees-Mogg

ers, I think of Keith Joseph. It is not that Jews are more intelligent than other Englishmen; some are and some are not. It is that they are more often serious about the world issues than the English, or than the broad Euro-American culture itself. Of course the Holocaust is an historic experience which Jews cannot evade. but many non-Jews choose not to

Isaiah Berlin's big theme was liberty under the challenges of the mid-20th century, when Europe was conquered by Hitler and the Soviet Union was ruled by Stalin. Another

great admiration is George Steiner; he has spent his life trying to understand the impact on culture of the experience of the Holocaust. In a rather similar way, Isaiah Berlin tried to understand the impact on liberty of the experience of Stalinism. Our historic context is very different from that of earlier generations and

demands this rethinking.

Jimmy Goldsmith, though himself highly intelligent, tried to answer these great questions by actions rather than theories. He believed in a much more freebooting liberty than that of Isaiah Berlin, but liberty was not his central theme. That was tribalism. The most moving mo-ments of the service of celebration were all tribal. Chief Buthelezi processed to the dais, dancing to a Zulu chant: Henry Kissinger spoke of the "miracle" of a close friendship late in life of two men who, while being so many other things, were also Ger-man Jews by ancestry; the celebra-tion included the music of the Mexican mariachis; it closed with the New Orleans spiritual When the Saints go marching in. Jimmy Goldsmith was fascinated

by other ethnicities because he had so many himself - Jewish, French, English and German to start with. He also had several times the normal genetic share of manhood, which made his private life so complex but so warm, gave him his extraordinary authority, and made him seem rather like an Old Testament patriarch. He was a sympathetic and heroic figure

for other ultra-masculine cultures, including the Mexican and the Zulu. I always admired the wisdom of Isaiah Berlin's belief in the values of liberty; for him it was rightly a battle of the books, rather than of the barriander I was the liberty Cold. barricades. I went with Jimmy Goldsmith's campaign only as far as the battle of the law courts, and thought Potney a bridge too far. Yet Goldsmith's central insight, though a harder truth, may have been the more significant; he believed than liberty can be preserved only through the individual nation. Listening to the second of the Ignatieff interviews, when Isaiah Berlin rejected the State which treats the citizen as a child, one. felt that he had at last seen the threat in the European project, and had realised the difference between his values and those of Brussels.

7 ith Goldsmith there was no... doubt. He was English, French and German; that did not castrate his sense of nationhood. He knew that the European project had become a threat to all three of these nations, and that the individual nations were still the guarantors of liberty. Of course,: Isaiah Berlin saw that this was true of Israel and of the Palestinian nation as ...

Both men may by now be surprised to find themselves in the next world, in which they did not properly believe. Yet the existence of a religious reality shines through the work. of both their lives. For Isaiah Berlin. truth and liberty, in which he put his : faith, were spiritual absolutes even if he did not think they were. For Jimmy Goldsmith, courage and loy-alty were his absolutes, but he also. felt the archaic animism of all his tribal religions. I have no idea what 'the words of Chief Buthelezi's chant ' meant, but they spoke to me of the Zulu gods welcoming home a tribal hero. When the saints go marching in, both men will be in their number.

It's no good just being sorry

Mr Blair needs to go further to

relationship, Jimmy burst unpredict-

ably into his from time to time, with

It was the same in my case: I tried

to act as an honest broker in a

settlement of his libel action against

Private Eye in the 1970s; he wanted to buy The Times in 1980; I played a

walk-on part in the great bid for

BATs in the late 1980s, when he

invented the word "unbundling"; he

backed my appeal to the courts against the Maastricht treaty; I was

somewhat sympathetic to the Refer-

endum Party, but thought its political

The core of what I admired and

liked about both men had something

to do with the Jewish formation of

their minds. I once interviewed

Golda Meir in Israel when she was

Prime Minister. She used a phrase

about herself which has stuck in my

memory; she said she was "a non-

observant Jewess". Both Isaiah and

Jimmy were certainly non-observant;

neither had any formal religious

belief. Jewish or otherwise. Like Golda Meir. Isaiah was deeply

Jewish in his ethnic consciousness;

Jimmy, in his personal way, was

deeply half-Jewish. He had a very

strong sense of his father's Jewish

roots, but an equally strong loyalty to

his mother's French peasant, and

therefore, Catholic, ancestry. At the

end, it is said that he found himself

thinking increasingly about spiritual

reality. I did not discuss these matters

strategy was unwise.

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initiative, says Peter Riddell

aying sorry is not enough.

Tony Blair belatedly acthe Government had made mistakes in its handling of the exemption of Formula One from the tobacco sponsorship ban. But his "trust me" apology, however rare from a Prime Minister, will not end the affair.

I do not believe that Mr Blair's decision was influenced by the El million donation from Bernie Ecclestone. The Prime Minister's account of how policy was made was convincing, even if ministers have been naive in accepting at face value the warnings about Formula One shifting overseas and the grossly inflated estimates of the impact on employment. Less convincing, however, was Mr

Blair's explanation of how and when he realised there was a conflict of interest. He argued that this threat arose only earlier this month, when the decision was taken, rather than on October 16, when he met Mr Ecclestone. While several options were being considered during the second half of October, Mr Blair and other ministers were then already sympathetic to Formula One, as is apparent from the Civil Service note of the meeting released yesterday. He should have acted earlier over the El million donation. Similarly, his account of the involvement of Sir Patrick Neill, the new chairman of Public Life, is partial. Far from willingly publishing the latter's advice, as Mr Blair implied yesterday. Sir Patrick had to press Downing Street for the release of the exchange of letters after a misleading version



Tony Blair and Sir Patrick Neill, who had to put pressure on Downing Street to release an exchange of letters

had been presented by official spokesmen.

But these are now footnotes. The real question is how parties can raise money without creating conflicts of interest when they are in office. The potential problems have been aggravated by a shift in the sources of political funds. Big companies have been giving less money to the Tories, while the Blair leadership has been keen to reduce Labour's dependence on the trade unions. This has meant raising more from wealthy individuals and businessmen, who provided the Committee on Standards in . as much as £15 million in total for Labour in the nine months up to the election. This also reflected the belief of Mr Blair and his advisers that Labour has unfairly suffered in the past from being "outspent" by the Tories. In particular, more has been SECTION FOR THE SECTION WAS

spent on highly skilled staff rather than on posters and advertising. There is little evidence that often exaggerated differences in levels of spending make nearly as much difference as party insiders pretend. More important is whether private

donations on the scale made by the likes of Mr Ecclestone secure access and influence. The Tories have always pretended that such conflicts do not exist. But after the allegations of the past few years, the public will not take such assurances on trust.

The Government has admittedly done more than the Tories ever did, in proposing a Bill in the current session requiring disclosure of the names of donors of more than £5,000

and a ban on foreign donations. And Mr Blair has asked the Neill committee to look into the funding of parties (though he should have consulted the

other parties before extending the committee's terms of reference). He leaves no doubt in the article on this page of his desire for tight controls on contributions and spending, leading to far-reaching changes in our party system. But there is a danger of putting an excessive load on Sir

Patrick's committee. First, Mr Blair was wrong to ask Sir Patrick to advise on the Ecclestone donation. Lord Nolan, Sir Patrick's predecessor, always insisted that the committee's job was to examine how existing procedures work and to recommend changes, rather than to consider individual cases. Some members of the committee think it is

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and implementing functions. Sir Patrick was put in an impossible position since no one else was. available to provide such guidance. This is outside the remit of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, while successive Cabinet Secretaries have suffered from advising ministers on such matters. In the event, Sir Patrick provided sensible and robust advice (fortunately, given that he did not know the size of the donation). But his committee should consider whether to set up a small independent Office of Government such ethical conflicts and intepretation of the Ministerial Code:

Secondly, the answer to charges. about influence peddling is disclosure. The Government could consult quickly on this in time for the Bill in the current session. For instance, not only the source but also the size of donations of more than £5,000 should be named within a month of being made. There are problems of definition - for instance, to cover front organisations - but the wider the disclosure the better.

These questions could be dealt with separately from the longer-term study of party funding. This is complicated enough, and all the committee should perhaps attempt is to take evidence and clarify the options, and their pitfalls, leaving the politicians to determine such inherently controversial matters as caps on donations and national expenditure

and state funding.
The Ecclestone affair has shaken. but not so far irreparably damaged, . public trust in Mr Blair. The puzzle is. why it took the Prime Minister and his close advisers so long to recognise its seriousness. Something went wrong in Downing Street last week Underlying this is the deeper, underlying problem of adjusting from the informality of Opposition to the more demanding standards of Government. Mr Blair has started to regain the political initiative. But he needs to go further. Leaving it all to the Neill 🧧 committee is not enough. The Government should act now to remove. doubts over conflicts of interest and

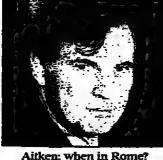
Seed's sprout

JONATHAN AITKEN is seeking salvation. I understand that the disgraced former Cabinet minister is considering converting to Rome. He has told friends that he plans to visit a retreat at a leading Roman Catholic public school with a view to taking instruction. Times are clearly turbulent for Aitken, who has lost his seat, his libel action and even his marriage. It was believed that he was seeking redemption amid the well-heeled happy-clappy set when he was spotted last month at the ultra-Protestant Holy

Trinity Brompton, in Knights-bridge. He was said to be starting a ten-week course to mug up on "the principles of Christianity". Instead, he might follow in the

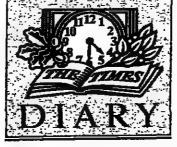
spiritual footsteps of his former colleagues Ann Widdecombe and John Gummer by heading off to Rome. The former Chief Secretary to the Treasury, once so bright and amusing, has been helped through his period of doubt by Lord Patten, the former Education Secretary.
It is thought that Aitken has held

talks with Father Michael Seed, the mercurial ecumenical adviser to Cardinal Basil Hume. The good father is becoming a celebrity scout, having signed up both Widdecombe and Gummer. He is also talking to Aitken's old friend. Alan Clark, about converting. After checking out a retreat centre at Ampleforth or Downside, Aitken might well become another "Seedling. I wish him well



Aitken: when in Rome?

 HERE, high in Diary Towers, we have been trying to remember the last time that a Prime Minister used Chequers to give such a partypolitical TV interview. We assumed, naively, that the PM's country residence was intended for conducting matters of state and for



relaxation. John Major gave such interviews in his Huntingdon lounge (and believe me, it was a lounge). I just hope that Mr Blair cleared the broadcast with the Chequers trustees. Otherwise they might take a dim view.

Cameras roll

WHEN he peels off his polyester hipsters after the tour with the geriatric Rollers, Mick Jagger will turn his raddled head to more lyrical lyrics. His firm, Jagged Films, plans a flick about Dylan Thomas. The Map of Love will focus on the poet's relationship with his wife, Caidin, best described as boisterous. The script will also cover Thomas's notorious drinking bouts, not least his final splurge in New York in 1953, after which he

lapsed into a coma and died. Shooting will start in Wales next spring, while the director Christopher Monger chooses his cast. The leathery Jagger could make a good Welsh shepherd.

● HOW to sell William Hague? This is the tricky question Frank magazine has set advertising agen-cies, including once so loyal Saatchi & Saatchi, Some sugges-tions were unhelpful. One has a snap of Hague above the slogan "the new Con. man". A hopeful ef-fort states: "Unemployed single black lesbian mother? Come home to the New Conservatives." A design by Harrari Page will not appear: "It involved naked bodies and the heads of Hague and Ffion Jenkins," Sounds a winner.

Foot slogging

UNCOMFORTABLE with the capital and its new Labour mores. Michael Foot has thrown a quiet party to celebrate publication of his tribute to his hero. Nye Bevan. Tredegar, where the old Labour heart still beats in Bevan's South Wales constituency, has been in carnival mood on the centenary of Bevan's birth. "We've even had a laser speciacle," says Llew Smith, now MP there. Not that this could entice Tony Blair. Says Llew: "He . his first motor, a modest Hillman doesn't often call me these days."

● A CONVIVIAL haunt, Pratt's. The club has installed a chair lift to help members from the basement. Members are relieved. Macmillan often had to be helped from there. A geographical note: the basement is home to the bar.

Motor mouth THAT car junkie Lord Montagu of Beautieu discloses that he acquired



ogy by the Labour Party"

a plate of Dover sole," Esquire informs us. "As he woke for coffee other diners recall his piteous cry of 'Oh Christ, I've gone blind,' with tartare sauce covering his specs." On the Social

THE MARCHIONESS of Milford Haven is on a shortlist having applied to become social editor of Harpers & Queen to replace Lady Celestria Noel. Before she married Milford Haven earlier this year, the marchioness, a mother-ofthree, began her journalistic career with articles about the hardship of being too beautiful. The new job attending parties, fratting with dukes, looking pretty, that sort of



Heading for Harpers?

thing — will enable her to put her close chums, such as the Duchess of York, back into the social pages. The salary might be welcomed by her husband, who sold his share in the family seat, Moynes Park, after :: life began to grow rather expensive a few years back ...

JASPER GERARD

POISONED CHALICE

A well-intentioned law that could shackle the press

The imminent Bill to toughen the law on data protection, which the Government is required under European Union law to put on the statute book before next October, will appear to most people as beneficent and pecessary. The aim is to protect individuals' privacy by restricting the uses, including sale to third parties, to which companies and other bodies can put personal data banks.

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Data mines, as they are known in the trade, can be a menace. People object with reason when the paying of a utility bill results in a barrage of unsolicited leaflets peddling unrelated products and services, or when one gift to a charity leads to hundreds of envelopes from others. More seriously, people worry that information about them can be circulated without their consent to credit agencies or potential employers. But this legislation has a grave defect, unless its drafting is changed, it would inhibit huge areas of normal journalistic activity and bring a blanket law of press censorship.

The existing 1984 law already places some restrictions on data users who must be registered, operate within the terms of their registration and observe eight principles designed to protect personal data from abuse. It can be an offence, for example, to use their databases to market new businesses - which has already created problems for expanding companies. The 1995 EU Data Protection Directive of 1995 - which Britain is bound to implement although it voted against it - not only makes these restrictions much tougher; it gives "data subjects", those about whom information is held, explicit rights of access and control.

With exceptions for such areas as national security, criminal investigations or taxation, government and other data users will have to obtain the individual's "unambiguous" consent to hold or use paper or computer records on them. Where people have not themselves supplied the information, they must be told of its existence and will then have the right to see, correct or block its dis-Mosure or use. There is a total ban on collecting "special categories" of information such as somebody's political or religious beliefs, ethnic origins or sex life, unless the person concerned has given "explicit consent".

All this may sound totally unobjectionable. But The Times is by no means engaged in special pleading when it cautions against the law of unintended consequences. Like the law of privacy which the Government has rightly rejected, these rights could easily be abused by those with money and lawyers and something to hide to silence all press investigation of their activities.

Consider what this law would mean in practice. Under Article 7, reporters would, ment to freedom of information is here have to tell somebody that he was being in subjected to a critical test.

A honeymoon of such length and intensity

vestigated - and obtain his consent to collecting the facts. Under Articles 10 and 11. they would be obliged to notify the person of his right to see what information they held; such a right would betray the confidentiality of sources, including whistle-blowers. And under Article 14, that person could obtain a legal injunction blocking its publication. This would amount to prior censorship.

It is not only investigative journalism that would become a legal minefield. A generally uncontroversial media service, the compiling of obituaries, could fall foul of the clause prohibiting the collection of information on opinions, beliefs and origins. And although EU governments are allowed under Article 9 to make exemptions to the law for journalism or literature, this is only so far as they consider "necessary to reconcile the right to privacy with the rules governing freedom of expression". Through the EU side-door, this would usher in the privacy law which the

Blair Government has rightly rejected. The first and laudable instinct of Lord Williams of Mostyn, the Home Office minister responsible, was to give the media a general exemption. But following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, a Government fearful of being seen to be soft on the press backtracked. Home Office officials are now drafting exemptions for each article. It is imperative that exemptions be framed in the broadest of terms, that they entrench in all case a public interest defence, and that they remove all possibility of pre-publication "gagging" injunctions."

But even then, anything short of a blanket exemption can offer no more than the freedom to "publish and be damned", with the prospect of court battles to determine the admissibility, case by case, of a public interest defence. A better method would be that of Finland, which exempts the media under Article 9 from all restrictions on the unpublished material they hold on file. To prevent this data ending up in the wrong hands, the media must satisfy the data protection om-budsman that their internal data protection systems are secure. But because the need to protect sources is recognised, they do not have to disclose what information they store.

As with privacy legislation, the Government's first thoughts were its best. Tony Blair should weigh carefully the fear of Lord Wakeham, the chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, that this law would destroy journalism" in this country. A blanket exemption might not be popular, but only because its purpose would not be well understood. Mr Blair should reflect that the alternative could be worse than unpopular. This Government's principled commit-

SORRY NOW

Blair and Labour need to learn the right lessons

was bound to end in acrimony. Tony Blair was right to face the cameras at Chequers yesterday and wise to start with an apology. His appearance was a recognition of the damage that the Ecclestone affair had done to his Government. He noted that, in the wider scheme of things, the future of Formula One was a modest issue. That is true but it does not make it irrelevant. The Profumo affair, Westlands and "cash for questions" were not at the centre of British public policy either. They all had an impact on the Prime Minister associated with them. However, Mr Blair's apology was less than absolute. Indeed at times -- when he

declared himself "furious", "hurt" and "upset" — he appeared to demand contrition from others in return. The Prime Minister declined to say sorry for either the decision to take the money or the process that led to it. On the former, he is on reasonable ground, on the latter he is far less certain. The meeting with Mr Ecclestone at

Downing Street was inevitably going to raise eyebrows. This is not because the new ethical climate makes it impossible for major donors to meet ministers. If the existence and scale of Mr Ecclestone's support had been public knowledge, then far less concern would have been forthcoming.

The Prime Minister had few qualms in disowning his party's presentational failures. He conceded that the manner in which information had "dribbled out" had

spawned unnecessary suspicion. It is, though, only part of the story. The various strands of this saga have not only been released slowly and with rejuctance but the content was incomplete and at times contradictory. This continues to be true despite the Prime Minister's efforts.

The means by which British politics is financed has certainly caused much concern over the past decade. In his interview yesterday and on our pages opposite, Mr Blair makes plain his preference for a radical overhaul of the system. Much of what he outlines will strike many people as reasonable. Sir Patrick Neill, though, is right to stress the importance of all-party agreements. An exclusive regime of state funding has attracted relatively little enthusiasm. A fixed limit on individual donations may prove difficult to administer. Some sort of overall ceiling on what parties may spend in the course of the election campaign might emerge as the option worth exploration.

Mr Blair has decided to lead from the front in the effort to put the Ecclestone affair behind him. If no further revelations surface soon, then he may succeed in doing so. It is important that the Prime Minister learns the appropriate lessons from this drama. These should centre on really fundamental issues about the way Downing Street interacts with the rest of Whitehall. They are not primarily about an unduly cynical press, a poor public relations strategy, or the precise structure of current party funding practice.

BUTLER POWER

Paul Burrell is the best man to select the Diana memorial

No man is a hero to his valet. No, nor no princess either a heroine to her butler. But butlers and valets are the unspun and offstage heroes. That is their function. They are among the select few to be admitted to the private reality behind the public masks of ceremony and razzmatazz. So the appointment of Paul Burrell to serve on the Diana Memorial Committee is a rare instance of life imitating art. For once the butler is being consulted officially rather than behind the scenes. Jeeves would have approved.

For ten years Mr Burrell was the butler and confident of the late Princess of Wales. She described him as her rock, and said, for once with more realism than romance: "He is the only man I can trust." He was the only outsider, not a member of her family, to attend her burial at Althorp. In recognition of his devotion, last week he was invested with the Royal Victorian Medal. Now he has been appointed to the committee of ten to choose a permanent memorial for the Princess. Announcing that the committee was being set up. Tony Blair said that it would look at ways of "taking forward some of the causes she held dear".

But this is a problematic assignment. The committee will work with the Diana. Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, which has received millions of pounds. In addition, the Government is going to hand over more than £2.5 million in VAT receipts earned from Elton John's top of all pops Candle in the Wind record. Ministers have received many thousands of letters suggesting how Diana should be commemorated. So whatever is decided is bound to disappoint many

and be controversial to most. In these circumstances of high emotion above stairs, the Government is following wise precedents of fact, folklore and fiction. When in doubt, consult the butler as the discreet insider who really knows.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ecclestone refund and party sleaze

From Mr John Stott

Sir, Mr Bernie Ecclestone tells us, in his letter of November 14, that he made a donation to the Labour Party because he believed "Mr Blair to be a person of exceptional ability who, if free to act, would do an outstanding job for our country".

Surely he now sees that he is entitled to his money back. Every last

Yours faithfully. LC STOTT. Bleak House, Coppenhall, Stafford. jcs@bleakho.demon.co.uk

From Mr John Warne

November 14.

Sir, Would Mr Bernle Ecclestone and Mr Max Mosley have had the privilege of putting their case for special treatment personally to the Prime Minister on October 16 if he had not given the Labour Party El million or so earlier this year?

Yours faithfully, JOHN WARNE, 16 Cariton Mews. Wells, Somerset.

From Mr Howard Leigh

Sir, The disclosure by Bernie Ecclestone of an annual personal tax bill of £27 million implies an income of some E68 million. Presumably all or most of that is deemed to be essentially from

Formula One racing.

The accounts of his Formula One Promotions and Administration Ltd shows directors' remuneration of some £55 million. In Mr Ecclestone's special pleadings to the Prime Minister one would hope the point was made to him that the industry could survive happily if such huge sums were not extracted for personal bene-

Yours faithfully, HOWARD LEIGH (Director). Cavendish Corporate Finance Ltd, 12 Cavendish Place, W1. November 14.

From Mr Denis Meehan

Sir, Your leader, "Disillusion day" (November 14), strikes me as grossly unfair. The Labour Party in opposition voluntarily adopted a procedure of disclosing the names of individuals and companies donating sums in excess of £5,000, a procedure which it carried over into government. This in itself was a powerful disincentive to corruption and influence-peddling.

The Conservative Party, by contrast, remains secretive about donors. To suggest equivalence of secrecy and sleaze between the two parties is simply not credible.

Yours sincerely, DENIS MEEHAN, 238 Upper Richmond Road, SWI5. November 14.

From Mr John Urwin

Sir, By offering to return Bernie Ecclestone's donation the Labour Party has shown that it will put the country's exports and highly skilled engineer-

ing jobs ahead of party funding.
Giving Formula One time to find alternative sponsors shows that the party has a grasp of reality lamentably lacking amongst the chattering classes, who would be advised to move on to a more interesting story.

Yours faithfully, JOHN URWIN (engineer), 1 Newlands Close. Hitchin, Hertfordshire. hy26@dial.pipex.com November 14.

From Mr Roger Hicks

Sir, I, too, feel I have fared well under the current Government. I wonder whether Sir Patrick Neill would instruct the Treasury to repay to me the taxes I have contributed since the election, in order to avoid any allegations of sleaze.

Yours etc. ROGER HICKS, 68 Deer Park Drive, Arnold, Nottingham. November 14.

From Mr Hugh Long

Sir, I suggest a new rival to the euro: the high-denomination bernie, with its unique distinction of being refund-

Yours sincerely, HUGH LONG, 67 Dartmouth Park Road, NW5. November 15.

Fair enough?

From Mrs Mary Beard

Sir, My father, who was for many years an engineer and administrator with the South Indian railway, used to recount with great admiration the story of a local magistrate who had an enviable reputation for fairmindedness. When asked how he had achieved this, the magistrate is said to have replied:

I always accepted the bribes offered from both sides, then I would consider the case on its merits and return the bribe to the side which I found against.

Yours faithfully, MARY BEARD. Dromard House, Kesh, Co Fermanagh. November 12.

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Nolan or Downey: whose rules apply to MPs' conduct?

From Professor Anthony King

Sir, The House of Commons will be debating on Monday the Standards and Privileges Committee's report on the Neil Hamilton affair. As a member of the former Nolan committee I must say there seems to be considerable confusion about the original Nolan recommendations and the procedure subsequently adopted by the House committee.

The Nolan committee's report in 1995 envisaged a three-stage process when accusations of misconduct were brought against MPs. The independent Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards would first investigate and decide whether there was a case to answer. If he concluded there was, It would be heard by a special subcommittee of the Standards and Privileges Committee. If the sub-committee found against the member, he or she could appeal to the full committee (and ultimately to the House).

No one would be on trial; but the rough analogy the Nolan committee had in mind was Crown Prosecution Service, court of first instance, appeal CHARLE

The Commons in 1995 adopted the broad Nolan approach, but the Standards and Privileges Committee in the last Parliament decided against setting up a special sub-committee. Instead, in the case of Mr Hamilton and the 24 other MPs, it decided that the Parliamentary Commissioner should function, on the rough judicial analogy, as both investigating magistrate and court of first instance.

Sir Gordon Downey's terms of reference were precise. He was asked to inquire into allegations of misconduct against Mr Hamilton and others with a view to establishing whether there had been any breach of House of Commons rules, in the letter or in the spirit". The House committee agreed in detail the procedures Sir Gordon

was to follow. Sir Gordon subsequently concluded that there had indeed been a breach of the rules. So far as I can make out, he did not exceed the brief given to him by the committee in the old House and has not, at any rate publicly, been accused of so doing; nor is it suggested that there was any material defect in the procedure he followed.

Given what has happened since, it seems to me, speaking only for myself, not for the members of what is now the Neill committee, that the House and the Standards and Privileges Committee need to decide how they want to operate in future. They can either revert to the procedures originally envisaged by Nolan land be prepared on occasion to conduct lengthy and detailed investigations), or they can regularise the position they have adopted in the Hamilton

case and others, that the Parliamentary Commissioner conducts a detailed investigation and comes to firm conclusions.

In the latter case, the committee would presumably exercise a broadly judicial review" function and reject the Parliamentary Commissioner's report only if his procedures had been seriously flawed or his findings manifestly unsafe and unsatisfactory.

The committee in the Hamilton case has, in effect, followed the latter of the two procedures. It has clearly concluded that Sir Gordon Downey's procedures were not seriously flawed and his findings not unsafe and unsatisfactory. But for some reason it has been reluctant to say in so many words that it has performed this kind of judicial review function - an omission that leaves it and the commissioner in an ambiguous and unsatisfactory position.

Certainly the committee seems to hold that view. As it says in its report, it now needs "to assess its own role in relation to inquiries conducted by the commissioner". In my view, it should undertake that assessment as a motter of urgency.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY KING, The Mill House, Middle Green, Wakes Colne, Colchester, Essex. November 14.

Contacts with Iraq

From the Director-General of the

Sir, If the British Government still has

a policy towards Iraq I hope those

who are responsible for it will have

read Simon Jenkins's excellent article

of November 12, "Exploding the

economic sanctions and of so-called

clinical strikes. Jenkins is right to con-

clude that neither can be justified on

I have seen the effects in Baghdad of

International School of Geneva

myth" (letters, November 14).

moral or pragmatic grounds.

Action on climate change is essential

From the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and

Sir, I find it amazing that Bronwen Maddox ("Europe should learn from US stance on tackling pollution", Business, November 13) questions the need for action on climate change, Governments across the world, including President Clinton's Administration, accept that it is potentially one of the most serious global problems we face. I could take issue with many of the other points which Ms Maddox raises. Let me restrict myself

First, as was clear from my press briefing after I met Vice-President Gore in Washington last week, the UK has not "berated" the US position on dimate change. Indeed, I welcomed the President's proposal and recognised the difficult domestic political situation that he and the Vice-President face.

At the same time I made clear that we and our European colleagues would like to see more from the US. In particular, if we want the poor developing countries to play a bigger role in the way that the US Congress is pressing for, the rich developed countries must do better than simply delay by 10 years the promises we made at Rio.

Second, action on climate change need not harm economic growth. President Clinton has rightly pointed to the job opportunities that his proposed measures will create in the United States. Action in Britain will lead to a better transport system, better insulated homes, healthier cities

and a more energy efficient industry. Third, I agree that flexible mechanisms, which give credit for action by developed countries in developing countries, can play a useful part. But, as President Clinton himself again recognises, domestic action is also necessary. At present the average American is responsible for 25 times more emissions than the average indian. That gap is not sustainable in the long term if globalisation is to lead to a better and fairer world for all.

Climate change cannot be dealt with, as Ms Maddox suggests, simply by "waiting and seeing" the harmful effects of global warming and "building walls round Bangladesh". It threatens all of us with future droughts, floods and crop losses that have the potential for massive human and financial misery. That is why the UK Government.

together with our European coileagues, is working so hard for constructive agreement at Kyoto next month. That is why I am about to embark on a second major foreign tour to prepare the ground for the conshown by developed countries at the preparatory meeting I chaired in Tokyo last week encourages me to think that agreement can be reached. The world needs such an agreement, and it will be even more important for our children than it will be for us.

Yours faithfully. JOHN PRESCOTT, Department of the Environment. 6th Floor, Eland House, Bressenden Place, SW1. November 13.

Opera crisis

From Mr Alberto Remedios

Sir, The solution to the current opera crisis (letters, November 5, 8, 12, 15) is not to merge the three companies but to sweep away their managements in a great purge, to be replaced by people who appreciate the worth of British singers, British musicians and British directors, designers and technicians.

When Sadler's Wells Opera - of which I had been a member since 1955 - moved to the London Coliseum in 1968, we were of course rivals to the Royal Opera; but no one thought of it that way. I was a guest artist with Covent Garden and had a contract with Sadler's Wells/ENO; and it was from the latter that many young British singers, like myself, were taken up by the Royal Opera.

In those days British singers were employed in major opera houses all over the world, where the best of them

are still in great demand. Where they cannot be seen so often is on the stages in their own country, on which - due chiefly to mismanagement and the lack of funds for training — they are often replaced by "international" artists of dubious talent.

The management of both the ROH and ENO should have been more financially prudent. They should not have accepted their large salaries and committed their organisations to unnecessary overheads - advisers, assistants, assistants and whiz-kid directors with a free reign to squander as much taxpayers' money as they liked on audience-losing stage productions.

Would that at least some of all this money had been put into the training of young artists.

Yours faithfully. ALBERTO REMEDIOS. 27 The Ridgeway, Southgate, N14. November 15.

Sir, I noted with dismay the view expressed by the Editor of FT Business

Law Europe (letter, November 10) that

the judiciary should be allowed the fi-

nal say about claims to "human

Respectfully, I beg to differ. I feel

that to take such a course would be to

draw the judiciary more than is abso-

lutely necessary into the political are-

na. And it would certainly deprive the

public of such little say as they still en-

joy in relation to the conduct of their

own affairs through the arbitrament

of Parliament. Surely the crux of this

argument is this: whether, with Lin-

coln, we still believe that the voice of

the people should continue to be heed-

ed, or whether we choose to replace

the divine right of kings with the infal-

Do our vociferous libertarians

never stop to think how often liberties

libility of judges.

Yours faithfully,

Chestnut View.

November 11.

can be self-defeating?

PHILIP S. JAMES,

Mill Lane, Whitfield,

Brackley, Northamptonshire.

Philip S. James

rights".

Human Rights Bill Turkish question From Professor Emeritus

From Mr Kenneth Morgan

Sir, When the International Federation of Journalists Congress met in Istanbul in 1972 the first four speakers on press freedom, all Turkish, predictably and prudently relied heavily on Kemal Ataturk for inspiration and quotation (letters, November 10, 13). Speaking fifth, on the "when in

Rome" principle, I managed to dredge up and drag in one Ataturk sentiment. The sixth speaker, the president of the American Newspaper Guild, Charles A. Perlik III, began briskly, to warm applause: "As that great democrat and lover of liberty Thomas Ataturk Jefferson once said . . .

Yours etc. KENNETH MORGAN (General secretary, National Union of Journalists, 1970-77), 151 Overhill Road, Dulwich, SE22 November 14.

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His "contact strategy" offers a radi-cal alternative, which is why this school continues to maintain contact, despite all the logistical difficulties, with Baghdad International School. set up by the United Nations in the early Eighties. It is a pity that a new Foreign Secre-

tary has failed to reflect on the psychology of isolation and missed the opportunity to rethink a discredited policy that has achieved exactly the opposite effect of that intended.

Yours faithfully. GEORGE WALKER. The International School of Geneva. 62 route de Chêne. 1208 Geneva.

I bank, therefore ...

From Mr Michael Pollard

November 14.

Sir. Mrs Irene Draper (letter, November 5; see also letters, November 8) should follow the example of a dear family friend (now long departed) who, on reaching a certain age, received a letter requiring "proof of existence" from her insurance company.

Her response was that she had no intention of wasting people's time asking for letters proving her continued existence, but if they felt her letter was insufficient proof and decided to stop paying her annuity she would have pleasure in meeting them in court over the matter.

She had no further problem. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL POLLARD. 2 Victoria Park Road, Exeter, Devon.

November 8. From Mr Leonard Harrington

Sir. Some years ago, when living abroad, a friend had his car stolen. When the insurance company asked could he prove the vehicle was stolen he sent them a photograph of his empty garage.

Yours faithfully. LEONARD HARRINGTON, 38 Lovelace Road, Surbiton, Surrey.

From Mr W. D. Cormie Sir, It is for Mrs Draper's bankers to furnish proof of her existence. After all, it is they who have her money.

Yours faithfully. W. D. CORMÍE, Dix's, Black Hill, Lindfield, West Sussex.

Coping with Christmas

From Mr R. F. Mountjoy Sir. Surely the appropriate date for a day-long seminar for people who can't cope with Christmas ("Cool Yule tips".

In brief, November 12) is December

Yours faithfully RONALD MOUNTJOY, 21 Whittingehame Gardens, Brighton, East Sussex. November 12.

Seeing stars

From Mr R. W. Mellor. FEng

Sir. Flag topsy-turvy (letter, November 14)? Today's topical tip: toggle to the top.

R. W. MELLOR. The Red House, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, Essex. November 15.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 15: The Prince Edward. Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening gave a Dinner for the Founder Members of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Charter for Business on board HMY Britannia, Pool of

London. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** November 16: The Prince Edward, President, this evening attended the Twenty First Anniversary Gala performance given by the National Youth Music Theatre at the Palace Theatre, London W1.

KENSINGTON PALACE November 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this evening attended "Stars of the Night", a Gala of Dance, at Her Majesty's Theatre, London WI, to celebrate the amalgamation of the Royal Academy of Dancing and the Benesh Institute.

Dinner

Stoneyhurst Association Sir Philip Otton was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Stonyhurst Association, held on Saturday at Beaumont, Old Windsor, Mr Jullan Bell presided. Mr A.J.F. Aylward, Headmaster of

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, trustee, will attend a meeting of the council and a luncheon at \$1 George's House. Windsor Castle, at 10.30; as patron. RAF Museum, will attend a 25th anniversary dinner, Hendon, at 7.15.

in the Pool of London. 7.40. The Duke of Kent will visit the Integrated Care Centre, Victoria Infirmary. Northwich, at 11.35: will open the teaching and sixth-form centre, Sandbach School, Crewe Road, at 12.45: as patron. British Menswear Guild, will visit Chester Barrie. Crewe, at 2.15: and as patron, Anglo Jordanian Society, will anend the biennial dinner. Roof Gardens, Kensington High Street, W8, at 7.45.

BIRTHS: Sieur de la Vérendrye, explorer and fur trader, Trois-Rivi-eres, Quebec, 1685: Louis XVIII, King of France 1795-1824. Versailles, 1755; August Mobius, astronomer. Schulp-forta. Germany. 1790; Bernard Law Montgomery. 1st Viscount Montgom-ery of Alamein, London, 1887; Queen Astrid. Consort of King V. Astrid, Consort of King Leopold III of Belgium, Stockholm, 1905; Rock Hudson, actor, Winnetka, Illinois,

Nature notes

Jays are busy burying acoms in the oak woods. They often hide several thousand acorns in this way and retrieve them for food throughout the winter. One hears their harsh,

screaming calls in the distance. but they are wary birds and are generally on the wing by the time one sees them. Green woodpecker families

have broken up and young and old are leading solitary lives. They often make a loud burst of calls as they land on a tree trunk, but the mellow, laughing song will not be heard again until February. Redbers along the coast: the drakes have green heads, the females red heads, each with a ragged crest at the back. There is a last blaze of

the beech trees. Most sycamore leaves luminous yellow, but they are falling fast.

Scarlet pimper-nel is still flower-

After the rain, much of the bracken is pur-ple and black.

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Sir Colin Davis, left, principal conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra, with Alexander Barantschik, orchestra leader, during rehearsals at the Barbican Centre in London yesterday for the launch last night of the LSO's 1997 Sibelius Cycle, which is part of the Barbican's Valo (light) Festival of Finnish culture

Scottish Piping Society of London

Good tunes despite slight drone troubles

By Angus Nicol

THE Scottish Ptplng Society of London's annual competition always draws a good number of pipers from Scotland, and several from abroad. The Argyllshire Gathering and the Northern Meeting each take two days to stage some dozen competitions. London someundue strain, which is no mean feat.

Though perhaps not a vintage year for piobaireachd competitions, there were some good tunes to be heard. However, there were one or two unfortunate and unexpected break-downs, due to drone troubles and the like. At excellently played tune up to that point.

The Bratach Gorm is open to holders of the Highland Society of London's Gold Medal, won at Oban or Inverness, or previous winners of the Open Piobalreachd. The Bratach itself is a blue banner to be hung from the great drone of the pipe, and was originally presented by Dr Calum MacCrimmon. This year it was won by Mike Cusack, from Texas, with a performance of The Lament for the Children. The second prize, the Donald MacKay Challenge Trophy, stayed in England: it was won by Pipe-Major lain Maccy with The Blue Ribbon. The other three prizes went back to Scotland.

The Open Plobaireschd with the William Gillies Cup was won by John Angus Smith, He comes from a family of pipers originally from South Ulst, who have been settled near London

the Camerons' gathering tune, though also attributed to Clan MacColl. William Morrison played Lachian MacNeill Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy to take the second prize, the J.B. Robertson Trophy. In third place, Pipe-

Major lain Macey played The Bells of Perth.
The Highland Club Piobaireachd comon was originally intended for pipers who wished to retain amateur status. Now amateurs and professionals enter, though there are still and professionals enter, though there are still no money prizes. Kenneth MacBride won the Highland Club trophy playing The Massacre of Giencoe. The second prize is the R.G. Lawrie Ram's Horn Snuff Mull: this was won by Andrew Wright, who played The MacDougalls' Gathering. The third prize, a belt buckle, was won by Bernard Bouhadana, playing The Lament for the Children.

The principal cool bear event is the march.

The principal ceol beag event is the march, strathspey and reel competition for the London Medallion. Four tunes of each kind are submitted, and the competitor has to play one of each twice through. The winner was James Morrison, who also received the John MacFadyen Memorial Qualch. The Strachan Cup event is open to those not eligible to npete for the medalition. This was won by Hervé Le Floch from Brittany. Another competition originally for amateurs is the march, strathspey and reel for the Highland Society of London's Targe, which was won by

Andrew Wright.

The J. B. Robertson Trophy for marches is open only to those eligible for the London Medallion. The competitor has to submit six inpipes for a generation now. He gave an excellent marches, and plays two. Pipe-Sergeant Gordon codes at and as tapes 15.

DJM performance of The End of the Great Bridge, Walker won this. The remaining cool bear force TM long that the code of the

event is the Beaton Cup competition for iles.

Quaich, for pipers under 18. This was won by Bernard Bouhadana. The Championship Prize is awarded to the competitor who has gained won by Mike Cusack.

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event is the Beaton Cup competition for jigs, and some virtuoso playing was to be heard. Some competitors tended to play the jigs exceedingly fast, even undanceably fast. The winner, Pipe-Sergeant Gordon Walker, however, is a notable player of jigs, and his time was just as a jig should be played.

The final competition was the Gaelic air and jig for the Highlands and Islands Challenge Quaich, for pipers under 18. This was won by

the most points in the Bratach Gorm, the Open Plobaireachd, London Medallion, and Jigs, and who has competed in all four events. This was

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Birthdays today

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School news

City of London School

Mr William Duggan has been appointed Headmaster of City of London School from September 1998. Mr Duggan, who is currently Headmaster of Batley Grammar School, will succeed Mr Roger Dancey who is leaving to become Chief Master of King Edward's Echool and Educational Advisor to the King Edward VI Foundation in

Headington School Oxford

The Council of Headington School Oxford announce the appointment of Mrs Ruchel Faultoner as Hend of the Junior School, with effect from September 1998, when the present Head, Mrs Ann Boon, retires, Mrs Faulkner is currently Head of Year 4 at the Dragon School, Oxford.

Yavestam Hell School

Former pupils, parents and staff are welcome to attend a reception in connection with The John Peel Appeal to be held on November 25 at the Guarda Club, Piccadilly. Please contact the Headmaster for details on 01603 868206.

Appointment

Mr Hugh Bernard Harwood Carlisle, QC, to be part-time

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss M.C. Taylor between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs A. Bienfait, of Chipstead, Surrey, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.N. Taylor, of Mr M.W.B. Coben

and Miss S.A.D. Willis The engagement is announced between William, twin son of the late Mr Christopher Cohen and of Mrs Judy Cohen, of Winkhurst Green, Kent, and Sarah, younger devoluter of Mr Peter Willis, of Pimlico, London, and of Mrs Kate Willis, of Cambridge Mr T.J.R. Oliver

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Marriage

Mr S.M. Bullivant and Miss J.C. Gillam

The marriage took place on Saturday, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, WI, of Mr Simon Bullivant, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Bullivant, of Hey Farm, Somerset, to Miss Jane Gillam, daughter o Mr and Mrs Patrick Gillam, Till, Highgate Village, London. Father Vincent Hawe, SJ, officiated

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rosauma and Kate Bullivant, Jake Barratt and Letty and Christy White-Spunner, Mr Andrew Brown was best man. A reception was held at Claridges and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Memorial service

Mr P.L. Gardiner

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A memorial service for Mr Patrick
Gardiner, philosopher, was held in
Saturday in the Chapel of Magdalen
College, Oxford. The Rev Dr M.J.
Piret, Dean of Divinity, officiated.
Dr Ralph Walker read the lesson and
Mr Christopher Good read poetry.
Professor Bernard Williams, FBA,
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During the service, Mrs Janette lver, soprano, sing Mozart's Laudate Dominum from Vesperae Solennes de Confessore.

Service dinners RAF Airfield Construction

Officers' Associa Air Commodore D.E. Lawrence attended the annual dinner of the RAF Airfield Construction Officers' Association held on Sazurday at the RAF Club, Piccadilly,

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The Prince of Wales, president, Royal Shakespeare Company, will attend the annual meeting of the court of governors, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, at 2.00. atre, Stranoro-upon-Avon, at 200.

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, Order of St John, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, will attend a dinner on HMY Britannia

in the Pool of London, 7.40,

Kensington High Street, W8, at 7.45.

Anniversaries

DEATHS: Queen Mary I (Mary Tudor), reigned 1555-58, London, 1558; Norman Shaw, architect, London, 1912: Auguste Rodin, sculptor, Meudon, France, 1917; Eric Gill. artist, sculptor and typographer Harefield, Uxbridge, 1940, The Suez Canal was formally opened

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SHEDHAM - George Keith, died suddenly 11th November 1997, formerly of Candle School, The Loyal Regham (North Lancashire), Queens' College Cambridge and a founding member of Needham and Grant Solicitors, Lincoln's Inn. Loved husband of Caristina and father of Marcus and Seatie. Committee at Putney Vale on Thursday 20th Sovember 1997 at 1.50 pm. Enquiries to Calisas Francel Inhesion, vet (0171) 323-0008.

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GEORGES MARCHAIS

Georges Marchais, Secretary-General of the French Communist Party, 1972-94, died yesterday aged 77. He was born on Jane 7, 1920.

eorges Marchais had the unenviable fate of leading the French Communists during a period of steady decline in their popular support. In his efforts to combat the growing ascendancy of the Socialists, he conducted policy through a series of U-turns which bewildered his own rank-and-file and drew derision from his critics. First, in 1972, he formed an alliance with the Socialist Party (PS). but then broke with it in 1977-78 and moved the Communist Party (PCF) back into

When the Socialists won power in 1981, he accepted PCF participation in their Government while surreptitiously still working to undermine them: then in 1984 he pulled the party out of the Government. When Mikhail Gorbachev took power in Moscow, Marchais paid lip-service to perestroika but did nothing to apply it within PCF ranks. Whereas in the 1970s he had sometimes appeared as a "liberal" wishing to democra-tise the party, he later stuck to a hard conservative position and rejected all attempts at reform. This bluff proletarian showed in public an almost comical pugnacity, which helped to make him into a national television star. But though a wily political operator, he lacked either intellectual gifts or any real statesman-

Marchais was born in Normandy, at La Hoquette near Falaise; his father was a quarryman and his mother from a Roman Catholic peasant family. He did poorly at school, where he is said to have developed an inferiority complex that was to mark him for life. His early adult years today remain cloaked in mystery. He certainly never joined the Resistance, and in 1942 he went to work as an aircraft mechanic at a Messerschmidt plant near Augsburg. There is some evidence that he went voluntarily — far from being deported, as was later claimed - and his political enemies made much of this distinctly unheroic war record.

He did not join the PCF until

the relatively late age of 27. Soon he was active in the Communist-led trade union. CGT. Here he was spotted by Maurice Thorez, the PCF leader, who trained him and put him into the party apparatus, where he took to bureaucracy as a duck to water. He rose rapidly, becoming Organising Secretary in 1961. And when in 1969 the Secretary-General, Waldeck Rochet, fell seriously ill. Marchais effectively took charge of the party.

It was under the influence of two senior colleagues, Jean Kanapa and Charles Fiterman, that in 1972 he opted for the path of liberalising the PCFs image, of loosening its allegiance to Moscow and moving it closer to the PS. So he signed the Joint Pro-

gramme of alliance with the then still fragile PS, believing that the PCF could safely dominate it. He pledged a new, fully democratic party of alternation of power. He formed close links with the Italian Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer, thus launching the vogue for a "Euro-Communism" separate from Moscow. He grew openly critical of the Soviet Union on such issues as human rights, and in 1976 presided over a PCF Congress that jettisoned the key Marxist concept of the "dictatorship of

worked smoothly for a while. until the Communists realised that it was benefiting the Socialists more than themselves. So in 1977, urged on by the Stalinists in his ranks, Marchais made the boldest of his U-turns: he virtually broke off the alliance. His motives? Above all he was afraid of the PCF entering a Government of the Left as the weaker partner. and of its being obliged to acquiesce in "social democratic" policies. The result of the breach was that the Left lost the 1978 elections, which hitherto it had seemed set to win.

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The Joint Programme

This caused disarray among those of the party rank-and-file who felt that their leaders had robbed them of victory. Some "dissident" liberals resigned in disgust; or they were pushed out by Marchais, who now led the party firmly back into its "ghetto" of domestic isolation and rebuilt his bridges with the Soviet Union. On a visit to



Moscow in January 1980 he publicly backed the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. At home, he repeatedly sniped at the Socialists under Mitterrand, accusing them of shift-

ing to the right. He pursued this theme as PCF candidate in the presidential election campaign of April 1981. But it rebounded against him. He polled a mere 15.4 per cent, much the lowest Communist score since the war - a clear sign that his erratic tactics were alienating part of his own electorate.

After Mitterrand formed his Socialist Government, Marchais and his colleagues felt that

they had little choice but to accept his offer of PCF posts in it. But they remained warily critical partners and in 1934 they withdrew from it. angered by Mitterrand's policy shifts towards the centre. Marchais declared that he had made a mistake in ever trusting the Socialists.

After this, he held the party to a hard Stalinist line, and managed to thwart all efforts by Charles Fiterman, Pierre Juquin and other reformareurs to introduce a more open, modern and democratic structure, on the Italian Communist model. The result was a continued erosion of PCF fortunes: in the 1988 general election it polled only 11 per cent, and by 1990 its support had fallen below 10 per cent. For this Marchais was contin-ually criticised within his own ranks, and repeated attempts were made to oust him, but they failed.

When communism was overthrown in Eastern Europe in 1989-90. Marchais tried artfully to parade as a champion of reform: "I feel very close Gorbachev," he said in January 1990, and he claimed that he had been "duped" by the hardline Communist leaders in the East. But his failure to act on these lessons lost him yet more credibility. His political cynicism had never inspired confidence: now it did so less than ever.

And yet, amazingly, in December 1990 he was unani-mously re-elected party leader. He had managed to surround himself with loyal apparatchiks, his grip on the party. machine was tight, and he was always an astute manipulator. This enabled him to overcome and even stifle dissent. He himself had no clear ideology. save an instinct for his own with that of the party. He was, it is true, a staunch French patriot, with nationalistic views on such matters as defence. But he saw no incompatibility between this and his belief that the PCF, domesti-

firm support of Moscow. After 1981 he was seemingly reconciled to the view that the PCF's own electoral decline was irreversible, that power would not come via the ballotbox, and that therefore the best strategy was to consolidate a secure, if narrow, workingclass base and to wait for eventual victory via the steady global expansion of the Soviet Union and the slow but sure death of capitalism.

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Marchais personality did not make him ideally suited to leading the PCF during this difficult period. In public he had a show-off, histrionic manner, especially in TV debates, where he would fly into feigned rages and parade bra-zer untruths. This provocative spectacle won him high TV ratings - higher even than socret matches. But it also made him faintly ridiculous. With his square jaw, bushy eyebrows and staring eyes, he had the air of a man with a knife between his teeth.

But behind this ebullient façade he was really a timid individual, frequently feeling under threat and thus reacting aggressively. He feared and disliked intellectuals; unlike previous PCF leaders such as Thorez, he was a philistine, ill at ease with ideas. Certainly he could identify with his own working class, its travails and aspirations: but he lacked the ability to communicate with the educated middle classes, and this proved a limitation.

Marchais, for all his faults. was by no means the frigid bureaucrat: he was jovial among his cronies, kind to his true friends, and capable of generous impulse and sincere emotion, to the point of sentimentality - sometimes he would weep in public. He adored jolly crowds and blaring music, beer and wine festivals, and his pleasures and interests were those of the true French working man football and la chasse, comic strips and popular love-songs.

In an ordinary job, he would probably have proved a likeable, respected, easygoing comrade. But the ruthless world of higher party politics brought out the worst in him. He will go into history as one of the less effective of Europe's postwar left-wing leaders. He stepped down as leader of the PCF in January 1994, handing over to Robert Hue, who has tried to steer a more modern

and moderate course. Georges Marchais was twice married. He had three daughters by his first wife, Paulette Noetinger, whom he married in 1941 and from whom he was divorced, and a son by his second, Liliane Grelot, whom he married in 1977.

LADY TRYON

Lady Tryon, society hostess and dress designer, died from septicaemia in hospital in London on November 15 ged 49. She was born in Melbourne on January 3,

A COLOURFUL ornament to English society for more than two decades, Dale "Kanga" Tryon was a woman of great spirit and determination. She needed - and showed - those qualities in extra measure in the last years of her life, as a succession of illnesses and misfortunes turned her from a darling of the gossip columns into an object of almost macabre fascination. Her private battles of the 1990s — first with recurrence of the spina bifida she had suffered as a child; then with uterine cancer; then with depression; then with paralysis after a fall —

were all bravely fought in the full glare of media attention. The public interest was explained by her role as a longstanding friend and confidante of the Prince of Wales. who was widely and frequently quoted as having called her the only woman who really understands me". It was he who gave her the nickname Kanga - a name which stuck and which was later to provide the label for her dress collection — and after her marriage to Lord Tryon, one of his oldest friends, he became the

godfather to their first son. An accomplished hostess, Lady Tryon managed for many years to combine a hectic social life in London and Wiltshire with a career as a fashion designer and a mother of four. She was also active on the charity circuit, serving for a time as vice chairman of the mental health charity SANE: Prince Charles once played in a polo match to help her to

raise funds.
Dale Elizabeth Harper, as she was before her marriage. was born with a mild form of spina bifida and was unable to walk until she was nine. She spent three years in hospital, and her father, a wealthy Australian publisher, built a special bed for her so that she could be wheeled around.

Resolutely courageous even from an early age, by the time

she was ten she had thrown away her calipers and crutches and was walking unaided - even riding horses. She was, however, to suffer from back pain all her life, and in later years would have a number of operations to rebuild her spine.

She first met Prince Charles at a teenage dance in Mel-bourne, while he was a temporary pupil at the Geelong Grammar School in 1966. She was not to meet him again until she came to England to be "finished" in the early 1970s. She worked for a time in London as a PR for the Qantas airline and as an assistant at Woman's Weekly magazine.

While in London, she was introduced to one of Prince Charles's friends, Anthony Tryon. A merchant banker almost ten years her senior, son of the Keeper of the Privy Purse and himself a former page of honour to the Queen, he was known by his friends as."Lord Ummm" for the way he would finish his sentences. When Dale Harper returned to Australia, he followed and asked for her hand.

They were married in 1973 at the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace. Their first child, a daughter, was born the year after their marriage. A son, whose godfather was the Prince of Wales, followed two years later. Twins were born at the end of the decade.

The family retained a base in London, but the children were brought up in a fairly modest house on the 2,000-acre Tryon estate at Great Durnford in Wiltshire. Later, thanks in no small part to Lady Tryon's enterprise, they were able to move back into the ancestral home, a large Queen Anne manor house which had had to be let out as a girls' school.

Lord Tryon worked for the merchant bank Lazards, In the early 1980s Lady Tryon, not content with the role of weekend wife in the country, used £2,000 of her savings to open a London dress shop. which she called Kanga, in Beauchamp Place, off Knightsbridge. Some of the dresses she stocked — one size, non crushable, drip-dry, flouncy creations - were inspired by her own busy life-



style, which involved frequent flights to visit her family in Australia. Selling what Lady Tryon called "outlits for women with real figures, not six-foot models", the shop was a success, and in 1985 its own design label was launched, also called Kanga.

What had started as a hobby turned into a thriving international business, with an annual turnover of more

than El million. Despite often

excruciating back pain. Lady Tryon found herself travelling constantly between Hong Kong and Italy and New York, visiting other branches of her

She also developed a lucrative sideline, buying, converting and selling London property. Then, after her hus-band had lost his job as a director of Lazards, she be-

his bachelor days, and was even said to have vetted his girlfriends, assessing their

came the chief financial sup-

port of her family.

Lady Tryon remained close

to Prince Charles throughout

suitability as potential royal brides. A shared passion for fly-fishing continued to pro-vide a link after the Prince's marriage in 1981, and the Princess of Wales was among Lady Tryon's fashionable Lady Tryon, not normally

reticent, remained notably loyal and discreet when the strains in the royal marriage began to become known. There were those, however, who thought that she resented the prominence of Camilla Parker Bowles in Prince Charles's life, particularly after his divorce, and who accused her of making too much of her own closeness to the Prince, which belonged largely to the past. By then, however, she had

more serious troubles than gossip to contend with. In 1992 she went through several gruelling operations to rebuild the top of her spine with cow bones. Shortly afterwards it was discovered that she had uterine cancer which had spread to her kidneys. She fought courageously and was eventually given the all-clear. In 1996, however, she was

admitted to Farm Place, a private rehabilitation clinic near Dorking, apparently to recuperate from exhaustion and depression. There she suffered a fail from an upper window which left her with a broken back and fractured skull; she was subsequently confined to a wheelchair.

In June of this year she was detained for 28 days under the Mental Health Act and in July Lord Tryon applied for a High Court order banning her from the family estate. In September he was granted a decree nisi. The decree absolute hearing had been deferred at the time of Lady Tryon's death, which came after a skin graft operation, reportedly to repair bed sores sustained during a recent bout of alternative therapy in India

Lord Tryon survives her with their two sons and two

DICK HALL

Richard Hall, journalist, died on November 14 aged 72. He was born on July 22, 1925.

IN THE days when The Observer, under its Editor David Astor, led the world in its coverage of foreign affairs. Dick Hall was one of its best correspondents. His territory. was Africa, and he reported on it with knowledge, insight and passion.

A close friend of Kenneth, Kaunda in Zambia, he launched a newspaper there in the late 1950s, and was the first Editor of the Times of Zambia after independence. He covered the troublespots of Africa, and prided himself on a number of notable scoops. He reported the victous colonial war in the Congo in the early 1960s, and was there when Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the United Nations, was killed in an air crash in 1961. He was a passionate protagonist of the Biafrans, and was the last correspondent to leave before their fight for independence was lost. He drew on these experiences and his unbeatable network of contacts to write several books, and to laurich an influential newsletter, Africa Analysis.

Richard Hall was born in Margate, where his father made a shaky living running boat-trips for holidaymakers before emigrating to Australia. when the boy was three, and shortly afterwards abandoning both him and his mother. Hall's early years were spent on Bondi Beach, but when he was eight he and his mother, a strong and resourceful

woman, returned to England. Educated at Hastings Grammar School, he began his career on the Evening Argus in Sussex where he earned 7s 6d a week with 2s 6d bicycle allowance. He joined the Navy and did war service as a decoder in the Mediterranean, damaging his eyesight in the process. It was during this time that he met his first. wife Barbara Taylor, a Wren from Derbyshire, also a decoder

went up to Keble College, had always asserted that dur-Oxford, where among his ing his time in Zambia Row-friends were Kenneth Tynan land had never interfered with



and Anthony Sampson. Later he joined the Daily Mail. where he worked with Derek Ingram, but found domestic reporting restricting.

Having a strong entrepreneurial streak, and a spirit of adventure, he went out to Northern Rhodesia in 1955. where he ran some house magazines for the copper mines, before launching the Central African Mall, with help from David Astor who supplied a printing press. The paper was taken over after independence, but Hall, who by now was friendly with Kenneth Kaunda, became the Editor of the Times of Zambia. It was there that he came into contact with Tiny Rowland. who owned the paper.

In 1967 political pressures forced him to leave Zambia. and he returned to Britain to work for The Observer, where he stayed for 19 years as a foreign correspondent, covering not only African but Commonwealth news with After leaving the Navy he, distinction and courage, Hall

his editorial independence, so when he launched his controversial bid for ownership of The Observer, Hail supported him. He may have hoped to be editor, but the job was re-tained by Donald Trelford. Rowland may have found Hall's obstinate sense of independence a barrier.

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Gradually, Hall began to believe that Rowland was not, after all, the ideal proprietor. and in 1986 he left to found Africa Analysis, which combines business and political expertise, and has gone on to become a great commercial success. He wrote several books, including a controver-sial account of his friendship with Rowland; Lovers on the Nile, and, last year, Empires of the Monsoon, a history of

the Indian Ocean. After his first marriage ended in divorce, he married again, to Carrol Cattley, a former Observer journalist. They lived near Oxford, where Hall enjoyed gardening, reading poetry and listening to music

He leaves his widow and the five sons of his first marriage.

The Rev Richard Bending, Vicar.

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The Rev Robin Harvey, Rector, East Marptree w West Harptree and Hinton Blewett (Bath & Wells): to be Chaplain. University of Surrey (Guildford).

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Curate, Caversham and Maple-

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Charge, Finchampstead St James

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The Rev Alan Taylor, Vicar, Leeds St Aidan (Ripon): to be also Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral. The Rev Salli Vandyck, NSM, Chertsey St Peter (Guildford): to be NSM Curate, Ross Team, and Linton Group (Hereford).

Retirements and resignation The Rev Paul Barlow, NSM Walford, Bishopswood, Goodrich, Marstow and Welsh Bicknor (Hereford) resigned October 17, with permission to officiate (same

The Rev Peter Brightman, NSM Curate, Widcombe (Bath & Wells) resigned August 31 for health reasons.

The Rev Michael Duvall, NSM Curate, Selworthy, Timbers-combe, Wootton Courtenay and Luccombe (Bath & Wells) retired September 30. The Rev Peter East, Vicar Wiveliscombe w Chipstable,

Huish Champflower and Clarworthy (Bath & Wells) resigned September 28. The Rev John Yeend, Vicar, West Molesey (Guildford) retired October 3L Other appointment

Mr Colin Sheppard, Deputy Chief

Constable, Norfolk Constabulary,

to be Diocesan Secretary (York).

DEVASTATION IN PAKISTAN From Arnold Zeitlin

Over Bhola Island, Pakistan, Nov 16. The devastation is virtually complete in the southern half of this hattered island which took the full impact of last week's cyclone and tidal waves which, according to estimates, swept hundreds of thousands of people to their deaths. The relief commissioner in Dacca said today that according to an official confirmed count 32,871 people died as a result of the

500,000. Most bodies have been buried in mass graves. Survivors spotted from the air in the 800 sq. mile area hardest hit wandered on high ground above the water which still covered much of the flat land. Blood from crushed cattle stained the fields where their carcasses were flung. The survivors, having buried most of the dead themselves in an area where relief is still scarce, were seen dragging huge bloated cattle carcasses to

storm. But other officials made mention

of a death toll of between 300,000 and

ON THIS DAY

November 17, 1970

A combination of cyclone and 20ft tidal waves swept peasants in East Pakistan to their deaths by the scores of thousands

burial pits on the hanks of the many channels on the 13,000 sq. mile island. More than one million people lived on Bhola, the largest island in the Bay of Bengal. The paddy fields here, on neighbouring Hatia island and on shore areas were blackened with salt water which destroyed the crop - which at the best of times was never enough to feed the people of East Bengal, one of the most densely populated portions of the globe. A few bodies were still sprawled in the midst of the soggy fields. Even from the aircraft it was possible to smell the odour of death, but the pilot said the situation had improved on that of two days ago when the smell almost made pilots vomit and then take sleepirtg pills after their flights over the area. Water and wind had crushed an area

in which Bengali farmers lived, chustered in tree-shaded communities with a density of 600 to a square mile. Most home sites remained, but corrugated iron roofs had fallen on the ground. The land is perfectly flat, much of it already dyked to prevent the sea from overrunning it. Nothing was seen which could have blocked the 20ft tidal waves. There was no place anyone could have sought shelter. A whole village has disappeared as if sucked up by a huge vacuum deaner, leaving only muddy outlines of house foundations. The enormous force of wind and water was seen clearly on a tiny island between Hatia and Bhola, where a cargo ship of 500 tons had been raised from sea and set upright on the shore 50 yards inland. No living person was seen on board.

NEWS_

Blair promises tough funding rules

■ Tony Blair today follows up a public apology for his handling of the Formula One debacle with the promise of a swift shake-up of the political funding system designed to give Britain a "healthier democracy".

After going on television to "take full responsibility" Mr Blair today backs national limits on amounts spent by the parties, "modest" ceilings on individual and company donations, and the publication of the names of donors and the amounts they give...

Murdered girl found in field

A father found his 14-year-old daughter murdered in a field after she failed to return from walking a neighbour's dog. Kate Bushell had been killed with a sharp instrument, probably a

Hope for nurse

Deborah Parry, the nurse facing beheading for murder in Saudi Arabia, had her life spared when the brother of her victim told a court he was waiving his right to the death penalty....

Yeltsin peace bid

President Yeltsin has promised to intervene in the confrontation between the UN and Iraq over weapons Pages 1, 12, 13

Royal Train doomed

The Royal Train could be scrapped as part of a radical reform of the monarchy. The train was already under threat from MPs after it was shown that it had cost taxpayers £12.3 million ...Page 5 in five years...

Gulf War aftermath

Evidence has emerged that exposure to toxic pesticides in the Gulf War may be directly linked to the illnesses suffered by veterans of the conflict over the last six Page 6 vears ...

Adams for No 10

Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein's president, will shortly become the first Irish republican leader in three quarters of a century to visitPage 7 Downing Street

School segregation

Academics have debunked claims that parental choice is leading to social segregation in schools, as those at the top of the tables

Titantic memories

An Irish jesuit priest who photographed the last days of the passengers and crew of the Titanic has had his work compiled in a

book for the first time Page 9 Portillo wants seat

Michael Portillo, who lost his parliamentary seat in one of the biggest surprises of the general election, has confirmed that he wants to return to the House ofPage 16

Coastal storm

As a fresh November wind gusts off the sea towards one of Britain's best-known coastal restaurants, its owner is at the centre of a rising legal storm over his claim to a stretch of coast Page II

Flight to freedom

China's leading pro-democracy activist twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, was flown to the United States Page 14

Baku in the money

A century after Baku enriched the dynasties of Rockefeller. Rothschild and Nobel, the city is once again reclaiming its status as a boom town and luring back would-be tycoons...... Page 15

Girl tortured

A nine-year-old girl who had missed school for more than two months was found dead at her Bronx home, having succumbed to gangrene, cigarette burns and cream off the best pupils .. Page 8 a fractured skull Page 16

Battle continues for Pegasus Bridge

The battlelines are being drawn for fresh hostilities at Pegasus Bridge, the first place liberated on D-Day. French authorities have now agreed to build a museum but their decision is likely to rekindle an acrimonious campaign over the site and could mean that shortly there will be rival museums pitching for the attention of tourists



Christine Hugo with two of her vintage teddies at the London Antique Toy Fair in Kensington Town Hall yesterday

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Storm clouds: The Chinese Government may act for the first time to protect the country's economy from the turmoil on Far East financial marketsPage 52

Flight turbulence: The chairman of

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Ticking clocic "There is, now, no father for a child of mine, no husband for me. What if there never is?" Christa Worthington reflects on why she joined a group that helps single women to become mothers .. .Page 18

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A big hand: In ancient times, lefthandedness was equated with godlessness; today it is more often equated with genius or exceptional talent, says Anjana Ahuja. Page 17 Page 21

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Football: England are stepping up their campaign to have the seed-ings for the World Cup assessed on the basis of Fifa rankings rather than recent performances in the tournament. ...Page 27

Tennie: Tim Henman eased to victory at the national championships in Telford, while Pete Sampras confirmed his continuing domination of the world game

Rugby league: A late rally by Great Britain failed to mask the overwhelming superiority of Australia, who secured the British Gas series with a 37-20 win at Elland Road yesterday, Page 29 Rugby union: England can derive some satisfaction from the draw with Australia despite some disappointing performances .. Page 37 Golf: Lee Westwood added to his burgeoning reputation - and everexpanding bank balance — with a one-shot victory in the Sumitomo Visa Taiheivo Masters..... Page 38 Racing: Jamie Osborne was nursing a broken wrist in hospital 24 hours after partnering El Betrutti

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to a 33-1 success in the Murphy's

11, 14, 23, 32, 34, 35. Bonus: 41 Three tickets share the £10 million jackpot: 38 each win £74,000 for bers and the bonus: 1.179 win £1,494 for five numbers; 58,000 win £66 for four; and I million win

Preview: Origins of Impressionism

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Poisoned chalice

The Bill to toughen the law on data protection has a grave defect; unless its drafting is changed, it would inhibit huge areas of normal journalistic activity _____Page 23

Sorry now

It is important that the Prime Minister learns the appropriate lessons. These should centre on really fundamental issues about the way Downing Street interacts with the rest of Whitehall ___

Butler power

The appointment of Paul Burrell to serve on the Diana Memorial Committee is a rare instance of life imitating art. Jeeves would have approved. _ Page 23

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As I promised long before the election the Labour Party wants openness and fairness in procedures for party funding___ Page 22 PETER RIDDELL

Saying sorry is not enough. Tony Blair's"trust me" apology, however rare from a Prime Minister, will

WILLIAM REES-MOGG By the standards they set themselves, the lives of Isaiah Berlin and Jimmy Goldsmith were modest affairs, too successful to be called failures, but failing short of their

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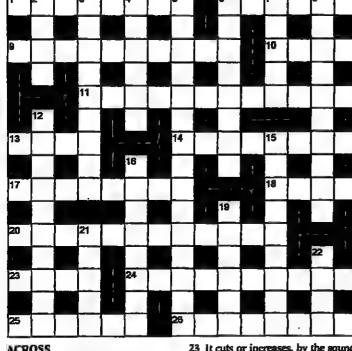
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Albania remains politically unstable and dominated by organised crime. But investors are beginning to return. This is in large measure thanks to Italy's military intervention and economic aid. Italy has done a great deal in a quiet way. It deserves to count for more in Europe — La Repubblica, Rome

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,639



ACROSS

- I Pisces? Actually, they're in a different class (8).
- 6 Arrive out East with German to hand over (6).
- 9 Terribly poor sitcom, the type he prepares (10).
- 10 Military band elite troops found hard to join (4).
- 11 Former PM, with hesitation, in-troducing fellow from county (12). 13 Solicitor's request secures park-
- ing by meadow (4). 14 Ample notes on script (8).
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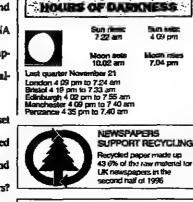
The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,638 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

- 23 It cuts or increases, by the sound of it (4).
- 24 One age group's quota of DNA
- 25 Newly-wed carrying key to captain's place (6).
- 26 Cheapest accommodation, always, in coach (8).
- 2 Old city politician inwardly upset
- 3 Feeling regret about incarcerated soldier, perhaps (9). Without animation, put in second extra shot in film (6).
- Achieve fame making banners? 6 Formalities before initiation of member wearing rabbit fur (8).
- 7 Person who's tight is making inroads into French drink (5). 8 Regular defrayal? That's only part of the story (10).
- 12 Versatile sportsman given pounds to enter a short game (3-15 Periodical - one of many on the stand (9).
- 16 Suspend meetings of new group, or finally disperse (8). 19 Not so disloyal (6). 21 General tendency established by
- this setter? (5). 22 Board meeting follows a strike

The winners of Prize Crossword No 20.632 are: R F Lambert, Harrogate, N Yorks: S Young, Winchester, Hants: M R Prior, Didcot, Oxon; A Dunlop, King's Lynn, Norfolk: F Light, Porthcawl. Mid Glam.

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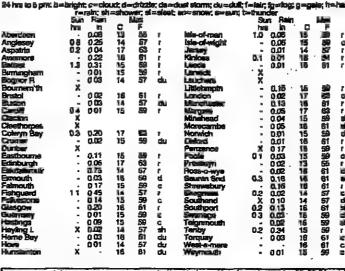
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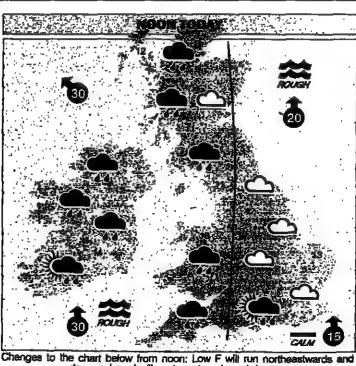
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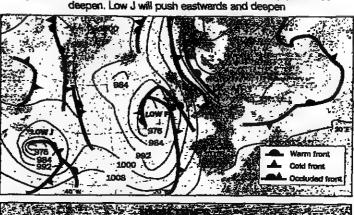
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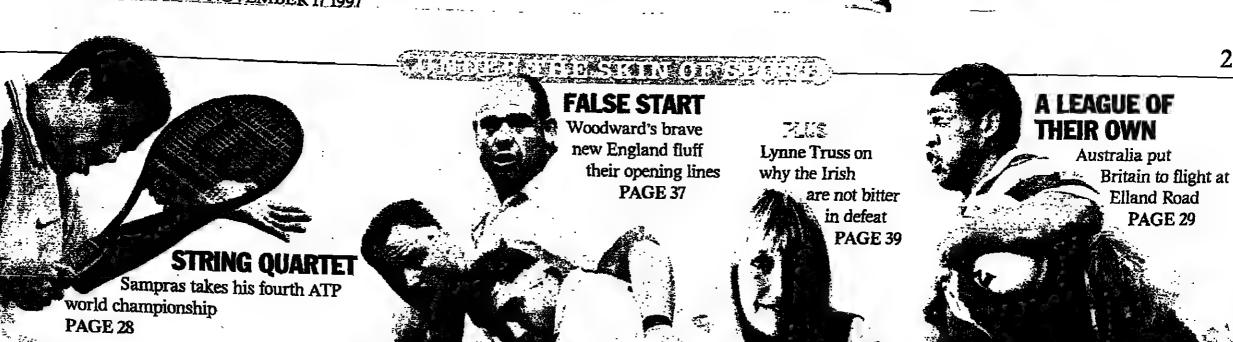
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DELIGHT AND DESPAIR RANK HIGH ON THE

England demand to be ranked with best

By Oliver Holt, pootball correspondent

AS THE qualifying competition entered its eleventh hour last night, and the composition of next summer's World Cup finals grew close to completion, Glenn Hoddle called for Fifa, football's world governing body, to recognise the importance of its own world rankings before it decides whether to make England one of the top eight seeds for the tournament in France.

As Japan, Croatia, Yugoslavia, Belgium and Italy celebrated their inclusion in the 32-nation jamboree, and Ireland mourned their play-off elimination, the England coach was fretting over his side's chances of avoiding the giants of

the game in the finals group stages.
If Fifa persists with the seeding system it used to determine the leading teams at the start of the 1990 and 1994 World Cups and calculates it on results in the previous three tournaments, England would be excluded from the top eight seeds because of their failure to qualify for the last competition four years ago. On that basis, England would

Ireland full short. Sweeping changes. Merson shines

Fulham coast through. Results and tables.

lose out to teams such as Italy, Argentina, Holland and Belgium in the quest for top seedings. They would fall into the second rank and face the prospect of being matched with favourites for the tournament, such as Brazil and France, when the draw is made in Marseilles on December 4. Two teams from each of the eight groups of four will qualify for the last 16 of the tournament, which is the begin-

ning of the knock-out stages.

If, however, Fifa uses its world rankings to pick the top seeds, possibly in combination with results from previous World Cups, then England's chances of making the top eight would improve dra-matically. Hoddle has lost only two of his 14 matches in charge - to Italy and Brazil — and that record has propelled England to seventh.

Argentina, who are tussling with Colombia to be England's next opponents on February 11 at Wernbley, are ranked only thirteenth in that list, France are fourteenth, Italy sixteenth and Belgium 48th. It hardly seems fair that England should have qualified by coming top of a group that included Italy, only to be seeded below them.

Hoddle, of course, was circum-

spect when asked after England's 2-0 victory over Cameroon at Wembley on Saturday whether he thought the system needed revision. But he made it clear that it would be irrational if the governing body's own world rankings were ignored when the decision was

"If you are going to have world rankings." Hoddle said, "they have got to have some credence. The problem with using a country's past record is that, in all probability, that would have been achieved with a different management team, a different set of players. Perhaps that system needs to be re-shaped.

"With the amount of groups there are going to be, it would definitely be an advantage to be a seed. If not, you could end up with Brazil or Germany. But, if we did end up in with the Dutch, the Germans or whoever, let's face it. we have had to qualify with Italy in the group and not on a neutral ground, with a home and away

timation." Fifa has given some preliminary indications that changes in the system may be made. In some ways, footballing realpolitik might suggest seeding England because they are sure to be one of the tournament's highest-profile teams. In others, it might be deemed prudent to make life tough for them so the potential for hooliganism can be eradicated as

soon as possible. "Nothing has been decided yet," Keith Cooper, Fifa's director of communication, said recently. "For the last couple of World Cups, the seedings were based on performance in the previous three tournaments. However, there is a school of thought which says that as we've got the Fifa ranking system, we ought to use it. They were not used for the 1994 World Cup because they were too recent to be of any real value."

Ireland might have been able to do England a favour by beating Belgium in Saturday's play-off in Brussels, but even then Hoddle's side would still be lagging behind Bulgaria and Romania under the existing system. Even if Italy had been eliminated by Russia, the latter would have been ahead of England in the seeding queue.

Hoddle will not have a chance to lobby Fifa directly about changes to the system before the seedings decision is made. That will be done at a meeting of the World Cup committee two days before the draw. Then the arguing will be over, the die cast, the tournament ready to begin.





Casiraghi, top, celebrates his goal for Italy; Shay Given, above, is consoled after Ireland's defeat

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Japan, left, erstatic at qualifying for the first time; Hoddle meanwhile is pondering England's seeding problem



TENNIS: WORLD No 1 PRODUCES DISPLAY OF COMPLETE MASTERY TO BREAK KAFELNIKOV'S SPIRIT IN HANOVER FINAL

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Sampras scales unprecedented heights

TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THERE WAS one glaring omission from proposals announced in advance of the ATP Tour world championship final here yesterday. In their drive to make the game more attractive, officials completely overlooked the fact that Pete Sampras should be forced to play left-handed. Nothing less seems capable

of derailing the remorseless Sampras, whose brilliance reached dizzy heights during his 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 rout of Yevgeni Kafelnikov. So pronounced was his superiority that Kafelnikov, famed for his fighting spirit, was positively greatful for the final blow. Sampras served ages even when failing to strike a clean of his authority came in the second set, when the American, having broken a racketstring while serving, still contrived to win the ensuing eight-shot rally.

I felt so embarrassed," Kafelnikov said. "I wanted to leave the court after the first set because I knew it was going to get worse. When I shook his hand at the end. I asked him: 'How could you do that to me?" He just said: 'I'm

It was a majestic way for Sampras, 26, to complete his 200th week as the world No I. And it handsomely vindicated the 100-strong panel of former players, which recently voted him the best player in 25 years of the ATP's existence. This was his fourth world champ-ionship in seven years, which hoisted his career earnings to \$31.25 million (about £19 million). In this age of intense competition, it will be a grave sporting injustice should Sampras - presently in possession of ten grand-slam titles — somehow fail to overhaul Roy Emerson's record

How fitting it was that Sampras was accorded a standing ovation by a full house of 15,000 — most of whom spent the contest will-



Sampras prepares to play a backhand during his comprehensive defeat of Kafelnikov in the world championship final. Photograph: Clive Brunskill/Allsport

ing Kafelnikov to life. in an instant, their desire to reap value for their tickets had transformed into a generous tribute. It is preposterous that Sampras is sometimes vilified for his mastery. Earlier in the tournament, one only had to witness his profound regret at the absence of a true rival to recognise that these ungracious sentiments had lodged in his mind.

Thus Sampras ended the season in the manner he started it - with a blistering winning sequence. He prevailed in each of the seven finals he contested, losing only once, in the round-robin stage here, to an opponent ranked inside the top ten. The game is indeed fortunate to have him remains untainted by a litary of sporting triumph that has soured so many before him. His superiority over contemporary players is probably greater now than it has ever

Sampres's reign is all the more remarkable for the fact

certain aspects of his existence. This game can be really tough," he ventured. "There is no off-season. I just wish I had two months off to recuperate and really enjoy the year. But you have to be almost con-No I. There are no short-cuts.

A peculiar blot on Sampras's record is that he been descated in the round-robin stage during each of his four world championship triumphs. That almost certainly reflects his mental

his overall potency. It was extraordinary that his spluttering opening-day defeat by Carlos Moya preceded a string of stunning performances that reached a cre-The Russian was himself in peak form yet, like Greg Rusedski, Patrick Rafter and Jonas Bjorkman before him, Kafelnikov never threatened

prowess and its importance to

In mirroring his perfor-

to take a set from the rampant

whole, Sampras started poorly against Kafelnikov before, at 3-3, a run of eight games from nine took him through the opening set and out of sight in the second. He coined break points against Kafelnikov in six of the Russian's first seven service

Poor Kafeinikov reeled heavily from the onslaught. A of unforced errors resulted from his efforts to keep Sampras at bay. The man with the face of a child looked

Sampras's own performance prompted him to venture beyond his modest boundaries. "I know deep down that, when my game clicks, I feel at times unbeatable," he said. Most sympathised with the post-match compère, who suggested that Sampras must come "from outer space". The truth is otherwise, for Sampras bled from the nose during his earlier defeat of Rusedski. Hard though it is to concede, it was the same, dark-red colour

bronze By DAVID POWELL GREAT Britain's five-year hold on the men's triathion world title was broken in

TRIATHLON

Lessing is

forced

to settle for

Perth yesterday when Simon Lessing unexpectedly found himself having to settle for the bronze medal. Chris McCor-mack, one of the new breed of Australians seeking to help satisfy the host nation's thirst

for honours at the Sydney

2000 Olympics, was the sur-

prise winner. McCormack, 24, made his breakthrough at senior level boast not only his first world championship gold medal but also the world cup title. The world championships incorporated the climax to the world cup season and, by defeating Hamish Carter, of New Zealand, he clinched that

honour too. Underlining how determined Australia is to finish high up the medals table in Sydney, where triathlon makes its Olympic debut, McCormack will benefit by \$30,000 Australian (£13,000) as a result of his victory yesterday. That is the bonus paid by the Australian Olympic Committee to any of its athletes winning a world title, an incentive to train towards the Games.

Furthermore, McCormack picked up \$20,000 for his victory. After Lessing had led the pack out of the 1500 metres swim, a group of nine finished the 40 kilometres ride together, but McCormack was the most efficient in the transition before the run. Lessing was slow and McCormack was

Lessing made ground briefbut the effort proved too manding. By halfway in the 10 kilometres run, McCormack was 40 metres clear of Lessing and Carter. The New Zealander gave chase but was unable to close as McCormack won in one hour 48min 29 sec. Carter recorded 1:48.42 and Lessing 1:49.07. On reflection, the Briton may consider that his political differences with the International Triathlon Union cost him his title.

Courtesy of Spencer Smith, champion in 1993 and 1994, and Lessing, winner in 1992, 1995 and 1996, Britain has held the title for five years. However, while refusing to compete in the ITU world cup because of advertising restrictions, Lessing's race appearances have been few and far between. It may be that he was

not race-fit yesterday.

Australia are relishing the prospect of triathlon as an Olympic sport. Their athletes swept the medals in the women's world championship, Emma Carney taking gold, Jackie Gallagher silver and Michellie Jones the bronze.

Rankings system set to undergo service

THE Association of Tennis Professionals Board has resolved to restructure the sport to try to make the ranking system easier to understand Uulian Muscat writes). From 2000, the rankings process will be simplified and the calendar of leading events streamlined. Negotiations to embrace the women's game within a "top tier" of 12 important tournaments are to be pursued with the Women's Tennis Association.

Two events within the Super Nine series are to be

demoted. The remaining seven will combine with the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and US Open to create an 11-strong top tier, around which the players' rankings will be centred. To complete the new rankings system, a player will add his best seven results outside the top-tier events to determine his status over 18 tournaments in the year.

The ranking season will start in January and conclude at the end-of-season world

Henman too direct for Wilkinson as he races to title

THE only way to stop Tim Henman, according to Chris Wilkinson, was to kick him in the shins. Henman duly won his third consecutive Guardian Direct national championship with a straight-forward 6-1, 6-4 dismissal of the Great Britain No 4.

it ended an eventful and profitable week for the muchtravelled Henman. Five matches in Telford earned him £9,000, while one night in Hanover at the ATP Tour Championship brought him an end-of-season bonus of

man's goal for 1998 is to spend a week in Hanover. Telford has seen the last of him.

After struggling to get his game going against Danny Sapsford in the semi-finals on Saturday, Henman, the Britain No.2, took no chances yesterday. He has seen Wilkinson damage a few reputations over the years and he was not about to let his own be dented.

"There was more of a spring in my step, but some of that was to do with Chris," Henman said. "I knew I easy as possible for myself." It was easy enough in the

first set. Hemman overcame one moment of doubt — a double-fault to give Wilkinson a break point — and conceded only five points on his service. Wilkinson played his part in the second set, but Henman

was merely biding his time before sprinting to the finish. Henman broke him to love in the eighth game with two fierce passing shots and that

Looking back on an erratic

\$100,000. It was hardly sur-prising to learn that Hen-and I wanted to make life as Herman said: "There are the Britain No i, he would times when I play good tennis and it is up there with the best. but when I play poorly my standards drop too far. It is a case of me finding the middle ground.

There are a lot of positives to look back on this year, but I can also look back and say how much better it could have been. I could be more consistent and that's the downside." Heriman now plans to embark on a new fitness regime in preparation for the new Wilkinson confirmed in the absence of

return to Telford next year. Sam Smith won the wom-

en's title on Saturday, beating Louise Latimer 6-4, 6-1 in the final. Smith looked nervous at first, but once she settled down, never looked in any trouble against the 19-year-old from Warwickshire. It had been an edgy week,

Smith admitted, and she had only played well here and there. Smith may not have won a fortune and the victory did not bring her any world ranking points, but the relief was plain to see.

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Sailing

Smith makes slight gain

his experience in the next few days if he is to save his campaign in the Whitbread Round the World yacht race from being relegated to also-

After a disappointing first leg when he brought Silk Cut into Cape Town in fourth place, Smith admitted he needed at least a podium place on the 4,600-mile second leg across the Southern Ocean to Fremantle, to remain in the hunt for overall honours. However, for most of the

past week, Smith has been languishing well down the fleet in seventh place, a position which, if maintained. would give him only 132 points from two legs, in seventh place

By EDWARD GORMAN RAILING CONDESPONDENT

Dutch in BrunelSunergy and the all-female crew in EF Education.

But all is not lost. Yesterday Smith's southerly position only Chessie Racing and EF Education are further south suddenly started to pay off, as Silk Cut recorded the fastest average speed of the fleet of 16.1 knots. Not only did Smith take some miles out of Swedish Match, the leading boat, but he also overtook Grant Dalton's Merit Cup. to move into sixth position.

After nine days of Southern Ocean racing, only 72 miles separated fourth-placed EF Language and last-placed

Tactical error ends Turner's brave bid

ONE tactical error 600 miles from the finish of the Mini-Transat cost Mark Turner, of Great Britain, in Carphone Warehouse. a remarkable top-three overall placing in the marathon 3,700-mile race from Brest to Martinique via Tenerife (Ed Gorman writes). Turner had been match

racing the pre-race favourite Thomas Coville, of France, for four days, as the two men approached the final stages of the race to the north of the main fleet. They had made good progress, moving up from lifth and sixth to first and second.

Then, Coville, who was only 15 miles ahead of the Briton, gybed to the south while Turner continued on day. It cost him dearly, as

Covide and the chasers, including the eventual overall winner, Sébastien Magnen, of France, picked up fresh trade wind conditions, leaving Turner out of contention.

Notwithstanding that mistake, which Turner is finding hard to come to terms with, he still finished the race in fifth place overall from 51 starters. This is no mean feat because Turner only acquired a replacement boat 12 days before the start, after structural failings were discovered in his own boat.

Whether Turner will continue in single-handed racing is now open to question. having found the isolation very difficult to cope with during 31 days at sea. "During the last seven days I felt very

Smith. But this will not satisfy him; it would leave him with a very tough task for the remaining seven legs.
There is no obvious reason

for Silk Cut's disappointing showing so far. Smith has said he is happy with his boat and his speed. In Cape Town he seemed content with his crew. although he admitted that an erroneous sail selection played a key role during the first leg. Some observers believe a

weakness may lie in the afterguard where Smith has employed Steve Hayles, the young and talented British navigator who sailed on Dolphin 8 Youth in the previous Whitbread event. Hayles, 24, does not have the experience of the big-name navigators in the fleet, nor does he command the huge fees they have charged for their services. Others argue, however, that

it is still too early to pin-point weak links in any team after two extraordinary legs, nei-ther of which has clarified which of the top seven boats will dominate.

Yesterday fellow Briton
Paul Standbridge in Tashiba,
who has held third place for a
week, was 380 miles ahead of Paul Cayard in EF Language. the winner of the first leg. Grant Dalton in Merit Cup.

who has been caught too far north of the main fleet, has already virtually written off the valuable top-three places. Unless the high pressure that has screwed us gets Toshiba. then the first three places on this leg are already filled," it was only an outstanding performance by Sonny Mig-nacca in the Basingstoke goal Dalton said. The big question now is which side of the Kerguelen Islands to go and that prevented the Panthers this will have a large bearing winning the game in regulaon places four, five and six." tion time.

ICE HOCKEY

Storm fail to hang on to lead again

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

THE contrasting fortunes of Sheffield Steelers and Manchester Storm were confirmed on Saturday at Sheffield Are-na when the Steelers beat the Storm for the second time in five days. For Manchester, it was their third defeat in four

Their main problem in recent fixtures has been an inability to hold on to a lead. In the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final they led Ayr Scottish Eagles 3-0 early in the first game but were forced to settle for a 4-4 draw.

On Saturday they led four times only to be pulled back and then let in Tommy Plommer for Sheffield's win ning goal in the second period. The Eagles, by contrast, are on a roll and their 8-4 success over Bracknell Bees on Saturday was their the fifth

successive win. They have lost only once in their last 13 league and cup fixtures. Nottingham Panthers have been inconsistent but after two defeats, including their dis-missal from the Benson and Hedges Cup, they returned to their best Superleague form, beating Basingstoke Bisons 3-2. It took a goal by Greg Hadden in the third minute of overtime to clinch victory but

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SPORT IN BRIEF

England retain title

■ nowLs: England retained the European indoor team championship in Jersey on Saturday after two wins in the last round of the singles. They went into the evening session only one point clear of their nearest rivals, freland, and needed to win both of their remaining games to take the title after

Ireland had pulled back two points earlier in the day.

Norma Shaw, the world indoor champion, needed just 45 minutes to dispose of Arlene Rubin, of Israel, 21-1 in ten ends and David Holt added a 21-7 victory over George Kaminsky, also of Israel, to crown a marvellous recovery by England after their disappointing performances in the pairs and triples earlier in the week.

Hingis reaches final

TENNS: Martina Hingis, the No I seed, rallied after a shaky start to beat Arantza Sanchez-Vicario, of Spain, 1-6, 7-6, 6-3 in the semi-finals of the WTA Advanta Championship in Philadelphia. The 17-year-old from Switzerland recovered from a 1-4 deficit in the second set. Lindsay Davenport, of the United States, outplayed Irina Spirlea, of Romania, 6-4, 6-2 to reach her eighth final of the year.

Crafter leads from front

■ GOLP: Jane Crafter, of Australia, survived a late challenge to win the Australian Women's Open in Melbourne yesterday. Crafter, who led at the end of every round, shot a finalround 70 to finish 13 under on the par-73 Yarra Yarra course. Joanne Mills, also of Australia. was three shots behind in second after a 68. Kang Son-yun, of South Korea, briefly held the lead after five straight birdies, but fell back to third.

Doncaster lose top spot

■ FOOTBALL: DONCASTER Beiles were knocked off the top of the FA Women's Premier League when they suffered a surprise 2-1 defeat away to Liverpool, which enabled Everton to regain the leadership with a 3-1 victory over Arsenal, the champions. Karen Burke scored twice for Everton, while Cathy Davies, a substitute, hit Liverpool's injury time winner.

Peter Ball funeral

The funeral of Peter Ball, the northern football correspondent of The Times, who died on November II, will take place at midday on Thursday, November 20 at St. Mary's Parish Church, Rawtenstall, Lancashire, Donations for laukaemia research to: Hamers Ltd, Funeral Directors, James Street, Rawtenstall, Rossendale, Lancs. BB4 7NE.

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tire of the same old story in rugby league. Its well-thumbed pages ended in another predictable and sobering 2-1 series defeat for Great Britain. Amid a wretched sense of déjà vu at Elland Road yesterday. the home side lost a deciding match there for the third time in seven After the recovery to level the series at Old Trafford last week, the the major mistakes that haunted Britain in With Her. " thur ye the first match at Wembley returned with a vengeance. Everything that could go wrong for अल्प्सिड् अल्प्सिड् Britain did go wrong, starting with the try that they conceded after 45 seconds. That drained any confi-dence they might have had and six Tole Spiral $= \frac{\mu_{\rm aS}}{2\pi m_{\rm eff}} \frac{\hbar}{\hbar}$ further tries by Australia stemmed

from the comedy of errors. No matter how hard they tried to ignore the weight of history, it pressed down relentlessly on the home side. In a seemingly endless pursuit, Britain appear condemned to second place. It has become a biennial ritual, since the last triumph in 1970, that Britain lose the Ashes - usually with a degree of credit - and are left to ponder the lessons - the main one being that, as long as rugby league inspires year-round enthusiasm in small pockets of the country, Britain might never have sufficent numbers to tackle Australia as equals.

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

Like a boxer rendered senseless by the first punch, Britain were left staggering from the opening try by Ken Nagas. Paul Atcheson's name was still being read out over the public address system when he was caught unawares by Daley's chip over the Britain defence. Nagas took full advantage of a friendly bounce and exposed the full back's glaring lack of pace to score a try that set the tone for the rest of the

A series brought to life by Britain's gutsy win the previous week was suddenly undermined.



Series ends with familiar tale of woe as Australia power their way to victory

Britain fall at final hurdle once more

Daley, the Australia captain, joins in the celebrations after another try in his side's victory over Great Britain yesterday

Australia never needed to touch the heights of which they are capable, as Britain's nervy defence committed blunder after blunder.

Although Britain outscored Australia after the break, a twelfth successive series victory had al-ready been secured. All the bad memories of the world club champ-ionship were revived by the defensive ineptitude displayed in the first half. If the hapless Atcheson had not been helped off with a groin

injury, he would surely have been replaced, but not before he surrendered possession as he careered out of defence and presented Daley with a gift try.

This was a poer-packed perfor-mance by Australia. There was no repeat of the frills attempted without success at Old Trafford for they did not dare suffer the ignominy of becoming the first touring side since 1959 to return from Britain

a puppet master, Smith superb at loose forward and Tallis demonic in his tackling, Britain were hammered into early submission.

Andy Farrell's performance was a grave disappointment by his standards. The Britain captain's nerves showed as much as the rest of his team-mates. There was no tactical kicking to speak of and. whereas the home performance needed to be several notches above

woefully below par, as Australia raced to a 25-2 lead by half-time. Wendel Sailor's muscular run-

ning and ruthless opportunism brought him two tries in eight minutes. From a scrum after an attempted interception by McDermott, Lockyer cleverly drew Sailor on his inside and Sculthorpe had the hopeless task of trying to stop him. The next try followed a hospital pass by Farrell to Morley, which Girdler swooped on from 70

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metres out and Sailor confidently did the rest

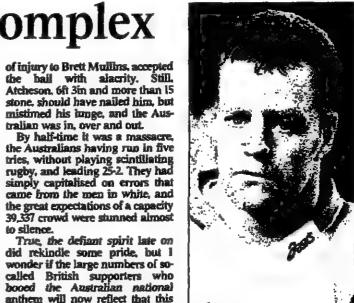
Daley's try and a barnstorming effort by Thorn, this time from a knock on by Haughton, were indicative of the panic in the Britain ranks. There was no let-up from Smith at the start of the second half as he split Forshaw and Joynt from acting half back. Smith learnt of his man-of-the-match award as he was in the sin bin after a fracas that at least spurred Britain into action.

A kind bounce from a steepling kick by Goulding provided Haughton, a substitute, with his first try. A smart passage of handling brought Australia's final try by Kearns before the consolation, such as it was, for Britain of Robinson providing the best individual moment with an electrifying try beneath the posts, and a second for the tireless Haughton.

Not that a 17-point margin in any way reflected Australia's sheer dominance. Andy Goodway, the Britain coach, who has a year to put things right before the World Cup in the southern hemisphere. said: "It's again exposed the problems we having producing quality players compared with the Austra-lian production line."

The answer from John Lang, the Australia coach, is for the game in Britain to look seriously at its competition and cut out the deadwood, of which there is plenty. None of this, however, accounts for the errors that overwhelmed Britain's Ashes hopes once again.

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Farrell: made nervous errors as Great Britain captain

Parke beats the best as England retain world title

FROM COLIN MCOULLIAN IN RUALA LUMPUR

ENGLAND marshalled a resilient defence of the men's world team title here with a 3-0 win over Canada in the final over the weekend.

Simon Parke, the England No I, who lost in the second round of the World Open to the British champion, Mark Cairns, easily beat the new world champion, Rodney Eyles, of Australia, in the semi-final and the most exciting newcomer to the PSA World Tour, Jonathon Power, of Canada, in the final to lead England to victory.

Eyles was grouchy, jaded and seemingly unable to adjust to the different scoring

Power, who earlier in the week had rather embarrassed Parke as part of Canada's qualifying win over England, suffered back spasms the night before and was still fragile when facing the mobile and shot-packed attack the 25-year-old Yorkshireman ranged against him to win 9-1. 9-0, 9-0 in just 22 minutes.

The mastery of Chris Walker, the 30-year-old Londonbased England captain, over Gary Waite in the following third string rubber was almost as complete. He won 9-1. 9-3, 9-4 in 35 minutes to leave 28-year-old Del Harris, of Colchester, to tidy up the second string dead rubber, just as he did in the semi-final against Australia, 9-1, 9-1, over Graham Ryding, who had beaten him nearly two weeks earlier in the World Open first

When England won the title for the first time in Cairo two years ago, Walker was on the bench for the final. That has always rankled a bit," he said. "It felt much better knowing that the last ball Gary hit dispiritedly into the tin after I had run him ragged was actually giving us the title

This time Peter Marshall, of Nottingham, was on the bench, as he had been since managing only a rather one-paced defeat at the hands of Ryding in the qualifying match against Canada.

"Ours was a victory for strength in depth and good timing of our maximum effort for the knock-out stages." David Pearson, the England coach, said, "All three players benefitted from short involve ments in the World Open and a consequent strong desire to restore their reputations in the eyes of their peers from all over the world."

Wales finished twelfth. Scotland, lacking their World Open finalist, Peter Nicol, who refused to play on through the team event, finished fifteenth in an event they might even have won at full strength.

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Tracing root cause of inferiority complex of injury to Brett Mullins, accepted the hail with alacrity. Still, **Rob Hughes** admires the versatility and maturity that yielded

hroughout the anthems and for some time into the decisive final match of the international séries at Elland Road, a lone white balloon. hovered in the breeze just above the centre circle. It was, by a distance, the longest anything in. Great Britain's colours remained buoyant yesterday afternoon.

breath to be knocked out of the belief that Britain could beat Australia at rugby league on home ground in a series for the first time since 1959. In those devastating seconds, Paul Atcheson, garlanded for his debut at full back at Old Trafford eight days earlier, felt the noose around his neck as his error, his palpable inability to tackle Ken Nagas, allowed the Carlo Raider in for the first try. s allowed the Camberra

Since this was to be a monumental British effort, one of the national team putting back reason to believe, to hope, to rebuild buoyancy in the northern rugby game, why blame a young sports-man in isolation?

another series victory for Australia against Great Britain

Rugby league is a cruel and sometimes crude game. It is raw in its passion and power, and quite naked in seeking a villain of the that Atcheson was to last, before being helped off with a groin injury, he typified the stumbling ineptitude, born no doubt of a fear of failure, that gave Australia all

the impetus they could desire. Atcheson, the St Helens full back, is not really a rookie; he is 24. Consider, then, that Craig Gower. the Australian, is but 19. He wears the green and gold with pride, he drank lustily from the cup in the dressing-room and, sporting a gold earring, he epitomises the versatility of the Australian players, and the privilege of a background that steeps youngsters in his game. "I started playing when I was five."

he said. "There are more than a

eights."
Perhaps that is why this Austra-

nervous errors of Andy Farrell, the captain, Atcheson and the rest of the Britain team, Gower, a fouryear contract with Penrith on the outer suburbs of Sydney already signed, lives at home with his mother, but owns two houses near Cronulla Beach,

So, possibly, the rewards and the very roots of rugby league in the two hemispheres must be considered before Britain — in particular Northern England - can rediscover a semblance of the omnipotence of the game it exported to Australia 90 years ago.

"I'm driven on by absolute determination to beat those bloody Aussies," Maurice Lindsay, the

chief executive of the Rugby Football League, said afterwards. He had managed three Great Britain teams in losing Test series. He had the heroic and surprise victory in Manchester denoted a turning of And he probably knew better,

probably envisaged before the third match began that John Lang. the former hooker now coaching the Australia side, would be saying in victory: "It's a terrific feeling, not just that we won, but that we blew them off the park. You get out and get stuck in, and it's amazing how the bounce goes your way. It's about handling under pressure at

The bounce how capriciously that first ball, booted downfield by Girdler, sat up invitingly for Nagas. He, playing only because The emphatic pace, the power, the quickness of hand and eye of the Australians looked as if it was fashioned in a different stratosphere, nevermind bemisphere.

misbehaviour does nothing but get

opponent, building, if it were

needed, their resolve to conquer.

American cannot join frustrated Royals

BASKETBALL: HOME OFFICE STILL CONSIDERING CHANGE OF EMPLOYER FOR LEWIS

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

PETTY bureaucracy at the Home Office is compounding the plight of Watford Royals at the foot of the Budweiser League. The Hertfordshire club, still without a win after their 93-76 home defeat by Crystal Palace on Saturday, have been unable to include Cleave Lewis, the 35-year-old American, in their squad even though he has been released Vince Macaulay-Razaq, the

Royals owner, said: The Home Office have issued him with a work permit, but he still can't play until they have approved his change of employer. We'd have been better off cancelling his original work permit, sending him out of the country and re-applying

for a fresh one." Palace, one place above them, had been regarded as beatable, but Watford were doomed to their fourteenth league defeat of the season long before the end. The Bear, collected 22 points for

Royals' frustration was illustrated by the dismissal in the third quarter of Leon Noel for abusing Will Jones, the referee, after a foul on Junior Williams

Worthing Bears have their troubles, too. Greg Fullerton's withdrawal as owner after buying the club last summer has left a promising squad in danger of being broken up. On Saturday, they lost 89-76 at home to London Towers. James Hamilton, a former

the Towers, while Ryan Williams scored 28 for Worthing. A league record was set at Bracknell, where four periods of overtime were required before Thames Valley Tigers beat Derby Storm 145-144 in the highest-scoring game of the season. Tony Holley's 49 points for the Tigers was also a best for the season but, as the scorer of 41 for the Sturm. Ted Berry was the unluckiest loser of the weekend.

SPEEDWAY: PETERBOROUGH PROMOTER CONCERNED BY BURGEONING GRAND PRIX

Oakes warning over expansion plans

By Tony Hoare

THE proposed expansion of world championship the grand prix poses a serious threat to British speedway. according to Peter Oakes, the Peterborough Panthers promoter, who is considering dropping the Elite League club into the Premier League. Oakes has revealed that the Panthers will be unable to run on 12 of their regular Friday

Fridays will be lost because

two Peterborough riders, Jason Crump and Ryan Sullivan, have qualified for the grand prix, with seven others ruled out through other commitments.

Oakes said: "The grand prix will affect more and more clubs, we are just the first to be

There are plans for qualifying meetings for the grand prix, which would last a week, and talk of there being more race nights in 1998. Five grands prix. That is bound to affect British speedway -- we

top riders for the entire week." The Peterborough promo-tion suffered financially this season when his gamble on opening a sister track at Skegness failed, and the Panthers were forced to complete their fixtures at Rvde. on the Isle of Wight. Oakes is now pinning his hopes on finding

sponsorship to cover the cost

of staying in the Elite League.

The financial situation does come into it," Oakes said, "but, in 1998, if we ran Elite

will end up being without our League we would have a period from July 31 to Septem-ber 25 with only one meeting on a Friday."

Oakes says that he will wait until British promoters stage their annual conference, in Lanzarote next week, before announcing his final decision on the club's future. Should the Panthers drop into the Premier League, they would make Crump, whom they signed two years ago in a British record transfer deal of £35,000, available for loan.

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McCarthy fails to sustain dream



(Beigium win 3-2 on agg)

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN DRUSSELS

JACK CHARLTON, the former Ireland manager, de-scended the steps from his television commentary box. scratched his forehead and stared across at the Ireland players applauding their still adoring supporters. He had seen it before but wanted one last look; then he was gone. It was all over.

Ireland's attempt to make a third successive appearance at failed. The rain lashed down in the King Baudouin Stadium, We Are The Champions boomed out over the public address system and the champagne flowed. Yet it was Belgium, not Charlton's beloved Ireland, that had qualified to play in France next

In the emotion of the moment, as Mick McCarthy. Chariton's successor, led his players towards the flagwaving mass of green, white and orange, it was tempting to wax lyrical about glorious failure. Had not Ireland, overwhelming underdogs in the second leg of this play-off, performed well?

Were not Belgium hanging on desperately in the closing stages, increasingly paranoid about conceding an equaliser that would have signalled their exit on away goals? And was it not only a suspiciously crafted winner that had decided the rie?

Yes, thrice over. Yet the truth was out there, somewhere, amid the hype and hysteria, Ireland under Mc-Carthy, however honestly he



Nills, the Belgium striker, slots home the goal that ended Ireland's hopes of securing a place in the World Cup finals in France next summer

through, are not ready for the

Instead, during the coming months, Ireland will become no more than a warm-up act for the finalists. Once the bitter taste has left the palate. McCarthy might privately concede that France 1998 would have been a tournament too soon for a squad still in the throes of frustrating, often painful, transition. Chariton may no longer have an influence, but his shadow lingers large. Comparisons would have been rife next year and it is better to weep now rather than later.

Ireland had done it before in 1990, against Malta, and in 1994, against Northern Ireland - reaching the finals in has toiled and however much precocious talent is filtering matches. In Valletta and Bel-

fast, too; away from the comfort of home. They had drunk in the Last Chance Saloon and enjoyed it. Expectations were similarly high on Saturday, despite the residual gloom from the 1-1 first-leg draw.

Oliveira dampened the spirits in the 25th minute, running on to a pass from Claessens,

Townsend reconsiders

ANDY TOWNSEND, the Ireland captain, is to reconsider his decision to retire from international football (Russell Kempson writes). Townsend, 34, made his announcement after the World Cup defeat in Beigium on Saturday night but Mick McCarthy, the Ire-land manager, has asked him to think again. "I've told him

skipping past Given and shepherding the ball into the empty net. Ireland had taken many blows during a roller-coaster 15-month campaign and, again, counterpunched with gusto. Townsend crossed deftly and Houghton, twisting in mid-air, headed over De

that's what I'll do," Townsend

McCarthy has yet to agree to the offer of a two-year extension to his contract, but it is likely that he will sign in the next ten days. "We should have it sorted out in the very near future," Pat Quigley, the Football Association of Ireland president, said.

In the 68th minute, though, the dream died. Boffin took a throw-in (should it have been Ireland's?), Verheyen nodded on (with the aid of a push?), Claessens flicked it through and the irrepressible Nilis twas he offside?) beat Given

from close range.
"It was clearly our throw,"
McCarthy said. "It was when we were in control and has cost us a place in the World Cup finals." When he watches the video evidence, when the hurt has subsided, he may reassess his verdict.

No doubt, though, about Connelly's sending off, for shoving Verheyen and then kicking him when he was down. It was Ireland's third dismissal, alongside 21 bookings, in their 12 World Cup qualifying fixtures, a disciplin-

Belgium celebrated; Given was inconsolable. The stadium stewards gathered up the soggy tricolours and handed them back through the fencing. No dining at the top table this time.

A valiant side dies with its boots on

THE Ireland supporters being soaked in the uncovered part of the city end stand at the Badouin Stadium could have few complaints about

The speed of Luc Nilis's response to Ray Houghton's equaliser was a clear indica-tion of Belgium's ability to shift two gears upwards when required. Over the course of both legs, there could be no question as to which was the better side and no argument that the right team is going to France next summer. At least, and as always, Ireland died with their boots on.

It was apt that the former Heysel stadium, now trading as the King Baudoin stadium.

was the venue; the Heysel car-ries a significance for Irish football, no less enduring, albeit Liverpool and Turin. For it

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'Over two legs,

there could be

the Jack Charlton revolution began. Eleven years can it really be that long since 800 travelling supporters - con-trast that with the 9,000 of Saturday night — packed a sliver of terracing one September evening and wit-nessed Liam Brady slide home a last-minute penalty to give the visitors an improbable 2-2 draw against the recent World Cup semi-finalists?

The match. Chariton's first serious competitive fixture as manager, was a Euro '88 qualifier. In retrospect we ought to have known there then that something strange was afoot. Ireland didn't get results away from home in those days. They certainly didn't get penalties. When Nick Hornby observed that disappointment was the natural lot of your common or partien football fan, it was not the Ireland supporter of pre-Big Jack era he had in mind. But it should have been. Incpt referees, disallowed

tunes used to be measured out. That Brady's penalty -which set the boys in green on the road to the finals of a time and thereby helped lead to everything afterwards, no-tably Genoa and Rome in 1990 and Glants Stadium and Orlando in 1994 - was netted in Brussels was ironic.

the best Irish team ever had had a Frank Stapleton goal mysteriously ruled out for an offside seen only by the Portusickener

through to the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain; in a ridiculously difficult group, ners-up in the finals, Ireland out on goal difference. The

day night II years ago, that ward, by now rapidly assuming the dimensions of Billy Bunter's postal order — eternally imminent but never actually materialising — was not back for another half a

Would that Mick McCarthy had the likes of Stapleton, Brady and Lawrenson in their 1980s pomp available to him. Where he was forced to rely for his battering ram in attack on Tony Cascarino - a player who, were he a horse, would be little more than a slow gallop away from the knack-er's yard — his Belgian counterpart, George Leekens, could afford the luxury of doing without Gilles De Bilde, PSV Eindhoven's tormentor of Newcastle United. Unfair? Football always is, especially to small nations for whom success will invariably

Their day, if and when it comes, must be seized with both hands, for it doesn't come too often. Ask Northern

Casiraghi sends Italy wild in the cauldron of Naples

Russia

FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE

IN NAPLES

ITALY, promised Cesare Maldini, their relieved and joyful manager, will not em-ploy a blunderbuss attack in the World Cup finals in France as they did here against Russia on Saturday evening. Gigi Casiraghi and Fabrizio Ravanelli ultimately did the trick, but, as one might have expected, they duplicated rather than complemented

one another.
"I had already decided on this for some time," Maldini said, savouring Italy's qualification for France next summer

on aggregate. "In other games we shall play differently, but this time, we could not afford to make mistakes.

room for Zola, he had been a very important player for us in the first part of the qualifying group. Obviously, I am a lucky international manager. Wherever I put my hands, I

the support from the Neapolitan crowd, though to a neutral, their one-sided behaviour was displeasing. All well and good to cheer their own team to the echo as the 69,000 did. but to whistle Russia loud and long whenever they were in possession was another story.

"I am sorry there was no

leg in Moscow. Russia had defended well fish successfully. The Italy coach and his players paid warm tribute to

win, grinding out the result on the heavy pitch. The curiosity of the game was the ease with which they scored their winning goal. The through pass by Demitrio Albertini was ITALY precise and decisive; better, he said, than the one with which he set up Christian Vieri's goal during the 1-1 draw in the first

until then, apart from one fearful moment when only a gallant save by Ovchinnikov thwarted Ravanelli after a mistake by Onopko. For once, though, the packed Russia defence was caught square, enabling Casiraghi, recalled after recent absence, to run on and score coolly and precisely. Boris Ignatiev, the Russia



(Italy win 2-1 on aggregate) Naples attendance: 69,000

manager, was deeply disap-pointed. "When things go badly in Russia," he said, "out breaks the revolution. Our aim was to block the wings, where most of the danger came for us in Moscow. And

function. Only Kolyvanov, up to a point, followed instructions. I like Casiraghi, he scored a very important goal." Indeed he did. The only moment when Russia threatened to do the same was in the first half, when Khoklov found Yuran after a fine run down the right. But the player who did so little at Millwall and has redeemed himself since

could not beat Peruzzi. Albertini caused Ovchinnikov most danger, particularly with an inswinging corner from the left that he only just managed to push away, and a long free kick from the right to which Ciro Ferrara got in a powerful header.

Ignatiev pointed out that Russia had blocked Italy on the wings and, indeed, Paolo Maldini and Pessotto rarely threatened. Maldini said that he could not understand the criticisms made of Cesare, his father, before the match. "However, in football, it's the result that matters. We have beaten Russia and now we are

going to France," he said.
"The rest is gossip. This is a team that deserves respect and the managerial staff is totally of value. I'll tell you something else: there is an ideal rapport between players and managers. Just look at what happens in other international teams. They quarrel from morning

Well though Albertini played, and although Di Mattee had his first-half moments, there is still no player

one who, with his flair and intuition, can really keep the team on the move. With Zola or Del Piero up front, such a deficiency might be partly

But the double centre forward plan, if it combinues to involve big men, is unlikely to bear much fruit in France, where Italy can hardly take the Neopolitan crowd with



Cesare Maldini salutes

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Japan storm into World Cup finals

By Our Sports Staff

MASAYUKI OKANO scored a minute from the end of sudden-death extra-time to give Japan a 3-2 win over Iran esterday, and send his team through to their first World Cup finals. The result of the Asian play-off in Malaysia consigned Iran to another play-off over two legs against Australia, the Oceania group winners, on November 22 and 29. for the last place at next year's finals in France.

Okano, who came on as a substitute, scored the golden goal in the 119th minute after the score was locked at 2-2 at full time. Japan, who are co-hosting the 2002 World Cup finals, went ahead after 39 minutes with a low drive from Masashi Nakayama. How-ever, Iran scored two goals in 13 minutes after the break, from Khodadad Azizi and Ali Daei, before Japan equalised through Shoji Jo in the 75th

Croatia held Ukraine to a 1-I draw on Saturday night to qualify for the finals for the first time. Ukraine, who lost 2-0 in the first leg in Zagreb, dominated proceedings but never looked likely to score the three goals that they needed. Andriy Shevchenko briefly raised the hopes of

85,000 in the Olympic Stadium with a fourth-minute goal, before the visitors levelled the score after 27 minutes, when Alen Boksic's shot took a deflection and wrong-footed Olexander Shovkovsky, the Ukraine goalkeeper.

We have reason to be elated," Miroslav Blazevic, the Croatia coach, said after the triumph. "We fought like knights and we are on our way to where we belong. where we will prove that we are a football nation.

Yogoslavia qualified for the finals, after an absence of innas, after an absence or cight years, by beating Hun-gary 5-0 in their second leg play-off, giving them a 12-1 aggregate triumph. Yugosla-via reached the quarter-finals in haly in 1990, where they lest to According on penalties lost to Argentina on penalties. They were banned from competing four years ago because of the civil war in the former

Yugoslavia. Savo Milosevic, the Aston Villa striker, scored their first goal in the seventeenth minute, paving the way for Predrag Mijatovic, of Real Madrid, who claimed a hattrick in the first leg, to complete the rout in front of a vociferous 60,000 crowd with

Jess offers reminder of the striker that time forgot

PLAYERS whose subtle gifts can baffle opponents are most at risk of becoming a mystery to themselves. In the I-I draw with Rangers at Pittodrie on Saturday, Eoin Jess gave Aberdeen the lead by showing refined control and movement to open up the space for a smooth drive that dipped into the top corner of the net. That episode marked the abrupt reemergence of a talent that has

Despite a smattering of goals in cup competitions, Jess had not scored in league football since hitting the winner for Coventry City against Queens Park Rangers on April 13 last year. He has gradually become known as an attacking midfield player more than a forward, but it is ludicrous that 19 months should pass without Jess finding the net to assist the Highfield Road club or Aberdeen in the gathering

of points.

The consequences for an admired player have been severe. He moved to Coventry for almost £2 million in February 1996 and returned to Pittodrie for a third of that value in the summer. There are other, more personal, ways in which depreciation is registered and Jess was not included in the party of 26



Scottish commentary

players that Scotland chose for the match with France last

Worse still, his exclusion from the squad passed with-out even a tremor of dissent from the public. Jess will be 27 next month and it should peeve him that the images of his precocious youth are still vivid. There have been too few subsequent achievements to block the view of the exhilarating early days of his career.

All the same, difficulties

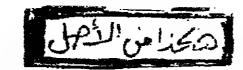
ought perhaps to have been expected in his development. He does not have attributes such as pace or strength that are always at a footballer's command and Jess can only call upon ethereal qualities, such as imagination and sleight of foot. Given Jess's age, it is too late to talk of

realised and club and country must hope merely that he settles into reasonable form.

Whatever his hopes of tak-ing part in the 1998 World Cup. Jess ought to be capable of piloting Aberdeen to re-spectability. That journey will have its troubles. His side might have been entombed beneath a landslide of goals by half-time on Saturday and, before the interval, it was awkward to decide who had been the more impressive occupant of the Aberdeen

Jim Leighton, the goalkeeper, did make a greater number of saves, but one had to be impressed by Joe Miller, the winger, who twice blocked attempts by Rangers on the line. The visitors eventually scored, through Jorg Albertz, in the liftieth minute, but Aberdeen had attained some

confidence by then. While Heart of Midlothian have extended their lead at the top of the table to three points. Aberdeen are in bottom place, because Motherwell recorded an unexpected 2-0 win against Celtic. Nonetheless, there was sufficient merit in Aberdeen's display to whet the appetite of manager's job at Pittodrie.



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Ferdinand's emergence prompts dilemma after England's victory over Cameroon

Hoddle contemplates sweeping changes



By OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS more than an hour after the end of the game when Glenn Hoddle strode into the Red Bar at Wembley and took his seat. Behind him were two televisions, each showing action from a different match. One beamed out the dying minutes of Italy's victory over Russia, the other played high-lights of Barner's rather more prosaic FA Cup defeat against Watford. They formed a neat backdrop to the England coach: a symbol of a man in

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Much of what Hoddle had to say after England's languid but assured victory over Cameroon on Saturday was positive and decisive. He praised Paul Scholes to the skies after a performance of sustained excellence and a goal of sheer brilliance. "He can be the jewel in the crown," Hoddle said. There were words of encouragement, too, for Robbie Fowler, who respond-

ed to the suggestions that this was his last chance to prove himself worthy of being Alan Shearer's understudy by scor-ing with a clinical header. He, it was clear, had advanced his chances of making Hoddle's squad for the World Cup finals next summer. But there was a cloudier

side to what Hoddle had to say, too. Usually the most decisive of coaches, he admitted that he was cleanly impaled on the horns of a dilemma that goes to the very heart of England's prospects of success in France. Caution sits on one shoulder, his instincts and his footballing philosophy perch on the other. This, moreover, is a choice that goes beyond the thorny question of which 22 he should

select. It concerns the forma-

BOOKING A TICKET TO FRANCE

Glenn Hodgle has sty international matches in

which to finalise the 22-men England squid (three gostlespess and 19 outside players)

Oliver Holt assesses the form after Security's first match against Cameroon.

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NEXT MATCH: Fab 11 v Colombia or Argentina (Wembley)

tion of the team, a radical change from the pragmatism that Hoddle has followed so far. His dilemma is whether to build his defence around a young sweeper of soaring potential, Rio Ferdinand.

Ferdinand, 19, has only just broken into the West Ham United team, but such has been the maturity of his per-formances that he has quickly progressed to the full England squad. On Saturday, he stepped off the bench to make his debut seven minutes before half-time, after Gareth Southgate was carried off on a stretcher with an ankle injury.

In defence, he did not put a foot wrong against a side of limited attacking ability. More significant, Ferdinand added an offensive weapon to England's armoury that has been sorely lacking. One elegant surge out of defence in the 66th minute that created a clear shooting chance for Fowler was like a revelatory flash of inspiration.

Hoddle has made no secret of the fact that he would love to play with a sweeper, but until now he has discounted it because of lack of personnel and lack of time. Now, Ferdinand has emerged and Hoddle has to decide whether to persevere with him.

We have had a hell of a good defensive record with the clean sheets that we have got and the players we have used," Hoddle said. "It is a delicate one for me to try to sort out and get the balance right. A lot depends on who from midfield can step into defence if the sweeper presses forward. Paul Ince can do

What I have got to decide is if that is really going to make



Scholes, who capped an outstanding display with a superbly-taken goal, evades Ipoua's challenge at Wembley. Photograph: Marc Aspland

us a threat to go on and win the World Cup. If that is what I really feel could be the added extra, then it would obviously be worth looking at.

"I like that system anyway. If the player or the system is not quite ready then I would be a fool to try to force the issue. If you do not have someone to fill in, you could get caught with your pants down and concede goals.

The sweeper can be an attacking option. Ronald Koeman ... stepped in there and he could hurt you by hitting a 60-yard pass that could nullity eight or hin players. No disrespect, but I do not think Rio is going to be able to do that, Rund Gullit could do that. Ruud Krol did that. There are only isolated players who can achieve that.

Whether I give Rio another chance depends on all sorts of things. I am not sure whether there is enough time and whether we have got enough games. My main concern is that I do not take my eye off the fact that we have to do well in the World Cup." Against Cameroon, no long-

er the foremost power in African football even though they have qualified for France, the omens for World Cup success were promising, at least. Playing with a semiexperimental team, England always looked the more dominant, creative force. Ince was outstanding in his holding role in front of the back four and Gascoigne linked well with Scholes and McMana-

Hinchcliffe looked a useful Campbell was as solid as ever. Scholes, though, was indeed the jewel that sparkled. His goal two minutes before halftime came after Gascoigne had caused panic in the Cameroon defence with a jinking rum past four opponents. Foe and Kalla tackled each other trying to clear the danger and.

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it over Ongandzi with a stub of his right foot and it arched into the air, falling just under the crossbar.

With the half deep in injury time, Fowler ended the match as a contest. Ince played the ball out wide to Beckham and when he sent in an inviting, curling cross, Ince left it for his Liverpool team-mate, who dispatched it unerringly.

The England attack, once so problematic in its selection for France, is beginning to pick itself. Now the agonising is turning to defence.

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Pair of aces: England's goalscorers against Cameroon, Fowler and Scholes, set off for the dressing-rooms

Brolin may return to **England** to play for Palace

SPORT

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

TOMAS BROLIN could be returning to English football with Crystal Palace. Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, has invited the former Leeds United striker to a trial at Selhurst Park.

A Palace official said: "Steve Coppell has invited Brolin over for a week. He wants to see what the player's attitude is like and a permanent deal is not out of the question.

"Palace have gone to Sweden to play a friendly while there is a break in the Premiership programme this week-end, and Steve is hoping to finalise the offer of a trial while he is out there." Brolin, who had an unhap

py two-year spell at Elland Road after his £4.2 million move from Italian club Parma, is now playing for Stockholm club Hammerby, newly promoted to the Swedish first

Leeds saved £420,000 in wages by freeing Brolin from next June. They decided to cut their losses in order to avoid a Football Association inquiry into the string of fines imposed on the former Swedish international for various misdemeanours. Brolin, 27,scored just four goals in 27 appear-

ances for the Yorkshire club. Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman, is reportedly pre-pared to sell his stake in the club for £60 million. Johnson, who bought Everton in 1994, is said to have become disillusioned with life at Goodison Park after coming under increasing pressure from supporters over his apparent unwillingness to give Howard Kendall, the manager, money to bring in new players.
The former Tranmere

Rovers chairman's attempts to move the club away from Goodison Park — their home since 1892 — have also been upset a significant number of

The Football Association is expected to announce before the end of the year which company has won the contract to supply England's kit into the next century. Claims that Nike, an American company, has offered a £150 million tenyear deal have been dismissed as "premature" by an FA

which runs out in June 1999. and is fighting to maintain its interest

An FA spokesman said:
"Nike and Umbro are just two of several companies who have tendered for contract.As yet the FA have not made a decision. It could be weeks or a couple of months, but it would be expected probably around the

Cameroon no longer fly flag for Africa

match against England on Saturday, they granted him 17 minutes of spurious fame as the youngest player to take the field in a full international at Wembley. They also signalled, palpably, that Cameroon is not the nation to fulfil the prophecy of Walter Winterbottom, the first England manager, that Africa will produce a World Cup winner by the end of the millennium.

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Rather, this Cameroon was displaying a search for a gimmick, something to distract the reality that their own talent pool is nothing comparable with the 1990 team that defeated Argentina in the opening game of the World Cup in Italy, and thrilled us all to the prospect of Africa's potential.

Be not deceived, however. There is a team of mature African players, Nigeria, that could, indeed, be a semi-finalist in France next summer. Already the Olympic champions, a feat that required removing almost full-strength teams from Argentina and Brazil from the tournament, Nigeria's problem is organisational and political.

There are Commonwealth heads of government who wish to see Nigeria, with its exemplary talents such as Nwanku Kanu, removed from the World Cup before a ball is kicked because of the misdemeanours of General Sani Abacha's military Government. Cameroon, meanwhile, are a country lost between looking backwards and trying to escalate time

It is not just that they lack the presence of Roger Milla, the captivating forward who so audaciously sparked that defeat of Argentina in 1990. On Saturday, they had no one remotely as powerful and as composed as Emmanuel Kunde, the defender who had thighs like Mike Tyson, no one of such lightning midfield perplexity as Louis M fede. and no big centre forward, such as

Cyrille Makanaky. Instead, though lithe of body and

have lost, was unmistakable. France. There are soccer schools everywhere, but all the youngsters end up like peas in a pod; they are all taught the same."

Makanaky, like many of his generation, had acquired the skills that



At Wembley

home, unfettered by European notions of team order. We saw it in the cheek with which Milla and others could embellish the game at the were the pearls of his continent at highest level. They had, then, a blue-

Cameroon lack players with the captivating skill of Milla, right, who inspired his country in Italia 90

Leroy, who knew how to encourage African instinct, to implant just as much order as he felt they could embrace, to meld the two without harming the end product. Leruy is now general manager at Paris Saint-Germain and one wonders if Jean Manga Onguene, the present coach of Cameroon, should not call on his services to recreate, if possible, the blend of 1990.

Even if he were persuaded, the raw material is not apparent. This, I suspect, was also forseen. Yidnekatchew Tessema, the Ethiopian who was the first president of the African Football Confederation in 1957, had warned: "African football must make its choice. Either we keep our footballers in Africa, so that we teach them to reach the highest peaks in world competitions and restore dignity to the African people, or we let our best elements go, remaining the eternal suppliers to favoured countries abroad."



England coach, has been seeking from a defender: he came from the back, converting defence into attack simply by following his instinct, by using the vision that Franz Beckenbauer showed 25 years ago. When Ferdinand advanced three quarters of the field, Robbie Fowler squandered the opening; but remember that 66th minute, for it points to a brighter tomorrow for England.

Africa, if Nigeria can hold together their potential and be allowed to deliver, remains, eternally, the continent of tomorrow. England, if it nurses the opening that Saturday provided for Ferdinand, can begin to aspire to reclaim its yester-



It's all very well to say share and share alike, but in all honesty wouldn't you prefer to enjoy at leisure your own copy of the Times Educational Supplement? The FE Focus section, in particular, really does deserve much more than a rushed flick through in the staffroom. So for opinions worth taking the time to listen to, buy your own copy, take it home and keep it to yourself.

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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: ONLY THE CHAMPIONSHIP WILL DO FOR BIG-SPENDING MIDDLESBROUGH'S FANS

High rollers give thanks for Merson

Middlesbrough.....3

By KETTH PIKE

THEY can disagree all they like in Wiltshire and the West Midlands, but a division that boasts Swindon Town and West Bromwich Albion among its leading lights does not take a great team to win it. That is just as well for Mid-dlesbrough, for whom greatness is a distant dream, but supporters still seething over relegation last season should be in no doubt nonetheless: if promotion is not achieved with something in hand, there should be a public inquiry to follow the rolling of heads at the Riverside.

Ravanelli and Juninho may have left for warmer climes and he might have had to do without around £8 million worth of talent on Saturday. yet Bryan Robson was still able to field a team costing the best part of £20 million to assemble. Surrounded by wealthy and ambitious rivals. Middlesbrough remain the highest rollers, their team cheered on by 30,000 at home while also boasting the best away record in the Nationwide League first division. Failure, surely, would be to finish second.

Yet, while Robson was entitled to wear a satisfied smile in public at Carrow Road, where Norwich City's best 45 minutes of the season had merely delayed an emphatic Middlesbrough victory, it would be surprising if he was not harbouring a couple of private misgivings on the journey

Robson might ponder, for example, how a team boasting international quality defenders could be so exposed for the goal with which Norwich took the lead in the 33rd minute. To back off Mills and invite a cross was deficient enough. but to allow a forward of Iwan Roberts's aerial prowess a free

was shockingly inept.
And Robson cannot afford to leave unaddressed the illdiscipline that could have proved their undoing in this match. Baker's tackle on Grant, that led to the Norwich player being taken off on a stretcher, and Summerbell's reckless challenge on Milligan could - perhaps should have been punished by red rather than yellow cards.

When it reverted to a battle of skill, though, there was no doubting Middlesbrough's eventual superiority. In Emerson and Paul Merson they possess players outstanding at this level, and it soon became clear why Robson was so insistent on gaining Merson's release from England duty.

Middlesbrough's 39thminute equaliser was scored by Beck via both posts but made by Merson's sublime flick, and two goals in three minutes early in the second half killed the game. Merson put them ahead after an inspirational pass by Hignett. and the pacy Ormerod was rewarded for his midnight dash across country from Crewe, where he had been with the England Under-18 squad, with the third goal.

They are the favourites for promotion and for 40 minutes we played them off the park." Mike Walker, the Norwich manager, said. "Against a lesser team we would have been two or three up, but getting Merson back made all the difference. He is a £5 million player and he showed it. It was very noble of Glenn Hoddle." His frustration was easy to understand. With all their natural advantages, the last thing Middlesbrough need is a helping hand.

NORWICH CITY (4-4-2), A Marshell — Sutch, R Newman, K Scott, V Segura — Adems, P Grant (sub: D Mile, 24mm; sub; Fuglestad, SS), M Milhogan, A Forber Roberts, R Fleck (sub: C Bellamy, 73).



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Campbell, left, shrugs off a challenge from Wassall to score the goal that put Forest top of the table. Photograph: Chippy Wood / EMPICS

Birmingham find a new turn on the slide

Nottingham Forest Birmingham City ...

By RICHARD HOBSON

BIRMINGHAM City have won just once in 13 games. In that time they have scored seven goals and slipped from second place to fourteenth in the Nationwide League first division. David Gold, the chairman, has issued a vote of confidence in Trevor Francis, the manager. It is easy to think what might happen next.

Peculiar things can happen when a side is down, but rarely of the extraterrestrial kind. In the seventeenth minute of their match at the City Ground on Saturday, Kevin Camp bell, the Nottingham Forest forward, overpowered Wassall, preferred to Bruce because of his pace, and scuffed his shot wide of Ian Bennett.

decided to follow a route of its own volition. "I watched it slowly and

woition. "I watched it slowly and suddenly it moved towards the post," Francis said. "I never thought it was going in. The tads said it was going wide as well, and then hit a divot." Francis, who said that he did not feel under pressure, had a second look yesterday, and perhaps a third and fourth as well. He has taken to scrutinging widen tages in the hope of tinising video tapes in the hope of enlightenment to reverse the trend. "I am analysing every game and have to ask if I am missing something," he

"It seems to me that we are playing well and coming off without winning. We cannot keep putting in that effort with nothing to show for it."

He is right, but only to a point. Birmingham did not look like a side devoid of confidence and Dave Bassett, the Forest manager, would

not have grumbled with a draw. McCarthy had the better of Rogers and Furlong was a nuisance up front.
Yet, until Birmingham convert a better
percentage of their chances, they will
continue to abself the table.
In the first half, Devlin shot straight

at Beasant from 14 yards after an error by Hjelde. Beasant produced a good save to deny Furlong after the break, but Cottee, a substitute on his debut, could not convert a fine cross by Bass from close range. Johnson had a goal disallowed for an earlier foul by Furlong on Hjelde.

Francis is not the first manager to cite Forest as the best side in the division. The table suggests that too, with victory lifting them above Swindon Town on goal difference. As the side included four players who cost more than \$2 million — a fifth, Andy Johnson, is recovering from injury — then this is not much of a surprise,

point last week when he said that, on present form, Forest would not be among the frontrunners in the FA Carling Premiership.

We can play better but, over 46 games, you cannot expect a tip-top performance every time." Bassett ac-knowledged during a stream of con-sciousness that would have tested the shorthand of the most dextrous Hansard reporter.

Forest have acquired the knack of performing moderately and still wining. Birmingham cannot win when

Horlock on hand to provide ray of light

Sheffield United Manchester City .

BY NICK SECZEDANIK

BEFORE the kick-off, the announcer at Bramali Lane hailed the followers of Manchester City as "probably the most loyal supporters in the Nationwide League". It is a title few would dispute: who else could endure such torture as their team regularly inflicts on them, yet continue to shout their favourines on so

Only the hardest of hearts could begrudge them their rare pleasures, of which this draw, carned with virtually the last kick of the match. must count as one of the sweetest in recent weeks.

So was the result, against serious contenders for promotion, a turning point? "A point," was all a relieved Frank Clark, the manager, would concede. "The three wins we've had have all been excellent wins but we haven't been able to take it on. We've got to string a few positive results together. I hope it's the beginning of a run."

There were few early signs that it would be the beginning of anything other than another frustrating afternoon, with Brian Deane's goal for Sheffield United, after one of several penalty-area mélées, promising to be the first of

Yet the home side failed to build on their advantage and, with the final seconds ticking away, Georgi Kinkladze put over a low, wickedly-curling cross for Kevin Horlock to touch in, to the unfettered delight of the City faithful.

"Their goal galvanised us into playing; we kept going and we got a little break." Clark said.

SHEFFIS DUNITED (3-5-2): STracey—Holdsworth, N. Marker, C. Tiller—Southoles, M. Patterson (sub. R. Nilse 65min), M. Ward, D. Hutchison, Whitahouse—B Dearns, G. Taylor (sub. J. Fjortoft, 70)

Harford hitting the right note

West Bromwich Albion .2 By MARK HODKINSON

THE COAT might have been

borrowed from Columbo and the twitchy, excitable footwork from someone who has missed two buses and is determined Ray Harford, the West

Bromwich Albion manager, does not like to sit down on the job. He prefers to ghost every move on the pitch, but it is played out in miniature as he prowls the few yards in front of his bench. A poor pass sees his hands buried deeper into his pockets while a goal brings forth an extravagant twirl of his coat tails.

slumped Afterwards. against a wall and ambushed by reporters, the excitability has gone, and so has the coat - put away until the next

spirit, attitude and character today. We were by far the better team," Harford said. West Brom's victory has

taken them to joint top of the Nationwide League first division, but Harford still has the pained expression of someone recently diagnosed as having shingles. Perhaps the four seasons he spent alongside Kenny Dalglish at Blackburn Rovers have proved a masterclass in doumess.

Harford is fundamentally a coach and tactician, a man at ease with chalk and a blackboard. He delights in the clang of studs on the dressingroom floor, or a discussion on the merits of a five-man midfield system; the rest - like facing the media or smiling now and again — is

superfluous. The West Brom players have clearly relished his counsel, for they play slick, passing football and have a fluidity of movement that was a little too

to discern.

centre half and a professional footballer of 16 years' standing, summed up their plight. He has the misfortune to look older than the combined ages of the West Brom team and, as players broke from a packed



honed and canny for Port Vale midfield all round him, it was almost possible to hear his knees creaking and his mind Neil Aspin, Port Vale's

> Port Vale scored first, when Mills rose unmarked at a corner to head past Miller. "That's the first league goal Albion have conceded in 421 minutes and 42 seconds," piped up someone in the press box; a sponsorship deal with a local anorak company is al-

ready under negotiation. Andy Hunt equalised with some neat footwork and Hamilton secured the win after Snijders had kindly headed the ball into his path. Albion played out the remainder of the match by stroking the ball around contemptuously.

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Swindon freeze at the top

Swindon Town ...

BY DAVID MADDOCK

Stockport County

SIX goals, and still this contest could have cured insomnia. Perhaps it was no coincidence that a linesman was called

Horlicks. It was dull because it was a match of poor quality. The goals came largely through mistakes, primarily, sadly, by Tony Warner, the goalkeeper on loan to Swindon Town. Just how Swindon topped the Na-tionwide League first division before kick-off was the talking point of the afternoon. As

> couldn't pass water. Or words to that effect, anyway. In the interests of fairness, it is prudent to note that County and smothered any visiting intentions. Swindon also lost

Sieve McMahon, the manag-

er, said afterwards, they

Chris Hay, their top scorer, with an ankle injury, so to judge them on one performance would be a little harsh.

promotion material. "If we expect to be up at the top, then when we score two goals weshould be getting something out of the game," McMahon



Hay: went off injured

Even so, they do not look

said. "Five or six of my players didn't perform." You could bet that, had the manager still been out there on the pitch, they would have done

Swindon, though, had their

moments. Hay burst through into the penalty area, only to be upended by the reckless Eric Nixon in the County goal. The forward saw his penalty saved, but converted the rebound, unfortunately picking up a potentially match-altering injuty in the process of equalising. Later, Leitch shot crisply from 25 yards to bring

the score briefly back to 3-2. County had taken the lead through a wonderful 25-yard free kick from Paul Cook. Some berk on our bench said he was too far out to shoot," Gary Megson, the Stockport manager, said. The home team then strolled to victory with a close-range header from McIntosh and two second-half goals by Armstrong.

Angell also contrived to miss a hat-trick of opportunities, so it was a deserved victory for the team, if not the supporters. The home crowd was mean and niggedly throughout, and thoroughly moaned constantly at the

But, worse, they also threw coins at Hay after he scored, and then a handful of supporters were allowed to parade by the side of the pitch and abuse him as he walked around the touchline for treatment.

"I didn't bother picking up the coins because they were only two-pence pieces - the mean lot," Hay joked, commendably, afterwards.

Mendably, alterwards.

STOCKPORT COUNTY (4-4-2): E Nixon —
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— T Bennett, J Germon, P Cook, K Cooper
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Caretaker Hollins revels in his new responsibility

Queens Park Rangers .. 1 Stoke City

BY PAT GIBSON

WHO IS the dressing-room joker at Queens Park Rangers? Simon Barker was asked the question in one of those player profiles in the match programme and he nominated John Hollins, the reserve team coach who became caretaker manager when Stewart Houston and his assistant, Bruce Rioch, were dismissed

"One of the funniest guys I have known and great for team spirit," Barker said. "John had his credit cards stolen recently and said he was quite happy because the

07000 follows us around. Does yours? Call 07000 70 70 70 than his wife usually does."

By the end of the match,

Barker had revised his opinion. He thought that Hollins was not so much the joker. more the ace in the pack, as Rangers step up their search for a new manager. "John has really lightened the atmosohere and we are all hoping that he will get the job."

Hollins was hoping so, too, but Chris Wright, the Rangers chairman, clearly had other ideas. We know who we would like and we will have to see if we can get him." he said, adding that Rangers were even prepared to wait until the end of the season.

That seems to rule out Hollins as well as David Pleat, another candidate who is available after his dismissal by Sheffield Wednesday, and is bound to increase the specu-lation that Alan Curbishley. the Charlton Athletic manager, is the man Rangers have in

In the meantime, Hollins, 51. intends to enjoy himself. He looked disillusioned with football when he was shown the door by Chelsea, after his only previous experience of management nine years ago,

His first move was to drop five players from the side beaten 3-0 at Middlesbrough in Houston's last match, including three - Harper, Rose and Morrow - who followed the old regime from Arsenal. However, it looked like back-firing on him when Forsyth lead after four minutes.

in controversial circumstances. Sigurdsson was pulling at Spencer's shirt as he raced on to a long ball, but it was not until he had wriggled free and shot against the bar that the referee awarded a penalty, which Barker struck high into the net.

I am, having got a good point here," Chic Bates, the Stoke manager said, "but I won't say any more because I don't want to get into trouble with the FA." Hollins just kept smiling. CUERNS PARK RANGERS (14-2): T Roborts — M Porry, S Yafus, K Ready M Brazer — T Sinclair, S. Barker, P Murraw (sub; N Quashie, 83mm), G Peacock — M Shoron J Spencer STOKE CITY 14-4-2): C Maggleton — A Pickoring, L Segurdsson, S Tweed, K Nyamah — K Keen, G Kawangh, R Wallace R Forsyth — P Thome, P Stewart

headed Stoke City into the It took Rangers 56 minutes to draw level and then it was

I cannot believe how glum

Aldridge proves age no barrier

HE IS now 39 years old, but age is no barrier to John Aldridge (David Maddock writes). Another goal straight out of his poacher's handbook gave Tranmere Rovers a much needed I-0 victory at Bradford City.

The Tranmere player-man ager admitted afterwards that drastic action had been required, with Rovers flirting dangerously close to the wrong end of the Nationwide League first division table.

Out came the boots for the first time this season and the result was a fist-minute winning goal, thanks to a dart at the near post after a cross from Gary Stevens. "I still get the buzz but I'm too knackered to celebrate these days." Aldridge confessed. Elsewhere, Wolverhamp-

ton Wanderers were consis tent, at least, in their inconsistency with a disap-pointing home draw against Ipswich Town. Keane put them ahead in the first half but Johnson equalised on the stroke of half-time to leave Wolves eight points behind Nottingham Forest, the new

Honours were shared in the

contest between Oxford Uni-

ted and Bury, but Hudders-field Town maintained their recent revival with a 1-0 victory over Reading, which gives them renewed hope of moving off the bottom. They are now level on 14

points with Portsmouth after a winning goal from Dalton midway through the second half. There is a real sense of optimism at this club now," Peter Jackson, the recently installed manager, said, Portsmouth increased the pressure on Terry Fenwick,

their manager, when they went down to a 4-l home defeat by Sunderland, who enjoyed a goal from Summerbee on his debut. Fenwick, who had to en-dure more calls for his dismissal from the Fratton Park fans, said: "There's no chance of me walking away because of a bit of shouting and I will turn things around. We were beaten by a very good side top of the table next May, but we can't perform like that

"A defeat like that hurts and we have to get tougher in our approach, but if we keep

Charlton accept the gifts from a generous Crewe

Chariton Athletic Crewe Alexandra

BY DAVID FOWELL

THE programme said that Dave Walton always gives 110 per cent. Unfortunately for him, and for Crewe Alexandra. he gave rather less to a ball he played across his goal at The Valley on Saturday and Bradley Allen nipped in to score. It was that sort of day. A

tale of galles and gallers. Four goals were giveaways, the most absurd and costly being Walton's gift. Ultimately, it sent Crewe to their tenth defeat in 18 Nationwide League first division matches and the waters of relegation

are lapping over their feet.
Football clubs are known for their intolerance, but Dario Gradi, 14 years their manager, and with a contract to 2006, is too highly thought of at Crewe to be dumped mceremoniously.

The subject of managerial movement came up because Alan Curbishley, the incum-bent at Charlton Athletic, has been talked of as a successor to

of a team that plays as neatly and incisively as Chariton did against Crewe deserves to be noticed, although Richard Murray, the vice-chairman, insisted: "We have a long-term plan and he is very much part of it."

Curbishley did not attend

the post-match press confer-ence, the task falling to Les Reed, the coach. "He has decided to put it to the back of his mind and let speculation take its course," Reed said. Last season, Chariton were among the lowest-scoring teams in the division. This season, they are the highest, adding three more goals on Saturday in the absence of

Clive Mendonca, their leading marksman. We have a variety of strik-ers and, though they have different strengths, whoever we play can slot in," Reed said. Allen, Mendonca's replacement, seized on Walton's underhit pass to round Jason Kearton, the Crewe goalkeep-er, and fire Charlton 2-0

Keith Jones, allowed in by Marcus Bignot's weak throw, had given Charlton the lead with an angled shot in a first half so one-sided that Kevin Street's 45th-minute strike. amid the indecision of Charlton's defence, was Crewe's first shot on goal.

Midway through the second half, Charlton handed Crewe a second goal. A free kick by for Westwood, but, when he failed to connect, the ball continued, uninterrupted, into the net. While not blaming Andy Petterson entirely for the two soft goals, Reed said that his goalkeeper had hesitated coming off his line for the first and that the second should have been a comfortable

However, a crisp strike by Matt Holmes ensured that Charlton secured a deserved victory. A demanding twopart test of their promotion potential awaits: Nottingham Forest, the leaders, away, then Swindon Town, second, at home. Same gaffer in charge. Charlton say, but no more gaffes, please.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (4-4-2). A Petterson — S Brown, R Rutus, P Chepple, M Bowen — J Robinson (sub. S Newton, 43min), M Kinselle, K Jones, M Holmes — B Allen, C Leabum

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FA CUP: MARGATE AND COLWYN BAY HAVE DREAMS OF GLORY DASHED AS LEAGUE SIDES MAKE PROGRESS

Fulham coast into second round

BY DAVID POWELL AGAINST the club with Harrods connections. Margate

Margate Fulham

shopped till they dropped yesterday, but the gift they wanted most, a place in the second round of the FA Cup, went to Fulham. Margate, from the Dr Martens League southern division, scored first but were ultimately beaten by the superior technique and fitness of their opponents from the Nationwide League second

At times, the occasion seemed like a scene from Margate's seafront, musical entertainment and soft porn overshadowing the football. Margate are sponsored by Bad Manners, the ska band whose singer, Buster Bloodvessel, went through his routine just before kick-off. The first half concluded with a streaker. Her tattoo was too small to tell from a distance which side she supported.

The peripheral acts enlivened a largely leaden tie, but one in which Margate gave everything. They did not per-form with an attacking display in the spirit of the Cup's romance, though their blue and white striped shorts with red trim were eye-catching. They were copied, presumably, from the design of rock you can buy along the espianade

One corner in favour of Margate, to Fulham's 15, was a fair reflection of the balance of the game. Their goal apart, Margate penetrated Fulham's defence only once. For 17 minutes, though, Dreamland was not down by the beach but

at Hartsdown Park. That was how long the club making its first appearance for 25 years in the competition proper led their visitors, finalists in 1975, even if the sixthminute goal was fortuitous. Martin Buglione, Margate's top scorer, jostled for possession with Matt Lawrence and. when he went down, he was judged to have been fouled inside the area, although the infringement occurred just outside. Mark Munday seized the chance and struck the

penalty low into the corner. What a waste of money." came the taunting chant from among Margate's supporters.



Margate enjoy a brief moment of supremacy as Munday's penalty gives them the lead against Fulham yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

mindful that Mohamed Al Fayed is sinking millions into Fulham. They have brought Kevin Keegan to Craven Cottage as chief operating officer, Ray Wilkins as manager and two players who were central to the victory yesterday. Paul Peschisolido and Paul

Bracewell ran the game. Peschisolido it was who forced a fine diving save from Turner after 18 minutes. The ball ran loose to Scott, but Blondrage weighed in quickly with a saving tackle.

After 23 minutes, Fulham equalised when Margate suffered the most diabolical luck, though justice was served given the controversy surrounding the home team's penalty. Carpenter's shot from 25 yards was deflected off the back of Edwards, sending the bail looping over Turner's

Edwards was left to reflect

on an eventful week. His wife gave birth on Thursday and he had had "very little sleep". However, he recovered from his family stress and the own goal to play a considerable part in keeping Fulham at

With Blondrage and Dixon, Edwards helped to form a three-man defence that coped

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admirably under the immense weight of Fulham possession. Turner was, on the whole, well

protected, though he had to make another sprawling save to deny Peschisolido early in the second half. The one chance that Mar-

Southern section

gate squandered fell to Sykes, who rushed his 73rd-minute shot. Unmarked, with only Arendse to beat, he fired tarnely at the goalkeeper. From there on, Fulham's superior fitness told. In an abundance of late chances, the one they took was after 78 minutes,

when Peschisolido crossed low for Scott to deliver the winner and send Margate to their first home defeat since February.

Keegan described Margate as "well-organised". Wilkins, appearing in the first round for the first time, said that Margate's "big blokes made it uncomfortable for us". Peschisolido thought there was little between the teams.

Chris Kinnear, the Margate manager, was disappointed

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that his team did not perform better. "I did not think we played as well as we have in the last three or four weeks," he said. Never mind, there is Erith and Belvedere away on Wednesday to put that right.

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MARGATE (35-2): I. Turner — A Blondrige, W Edwards, A Dison — I O'Connet, M
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FULHAM (3-5-2): A Arendes — M Blaise, 3
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Peschisolido, R Scott.

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Wisbech v Bristol Rovers or Giffingham

Nov 25: Burnley v Rotherham, Gillingham v Bristol Rovers, Colchester v Brentford, Northsimpton v Exeter, Leyton Orient v Hendon, Gainsborough v Lincoln, Emiley v Morecambe, Mensibled v O'Critern, Cambridge v Plymouth, Grimsiby v Shrewsbury, Carditl v Stough. Nov 28: Solihuli v Derlington

Hogg happy to head back on Wembley trail

Notts County Colwyn Bay

By Richard Hobson

GRAEME HOGG has enjoyed a long enough career to be forgiven if he needs time to nominate his lowest moment. Instead, his reply is immediate and it speaks volumes for the enduring appeal of the FA

In 1984-85 he played for Manchester United from the third round through to a semifinal replay win against Liverpool, only to injure his groin in a league game too close to the final to enable his recovery. He watched as Kevin Moran, his locum, became the first player to be sent off in an FA Cup final and as Norman Whiteside curled the winning goal in extra time. Hogg would have been fit for the replay.

Wembley seemed a long

way off yesterday afternoon as Hogg lined up in the Notts County defence for this firstround tie. He will remember the day nonetheless. With 59 minutes gone, he stooped on the edge of the six-yard box to head past Roberts after Finnan's corner had been flicked on at the near post. It was his first goal for the club and removed any likelihood of a surprise at Meadow Lane.

Colwyn Bay, from the Unibond League premier division, matched County, second in the Nationwide League third division, in every aspect bar one. They were simply unable to deal with corners. All four of County's best chances came from balls swung into the penalty area. with Richardson meeting another corner from the left with a powerful header in the 67th minute to seal the tie. In the first half, Hogg headed against the upright, while in the 53rd minute, Dudley, unmarked at the far post, missed

hopelessly from four yards. Bryn Jones, the Colwyn Bay manager, said: Both times I watched Notts they won from set-pieces so it is disappointing to go out in this manner, but you have to accept that they are full-time

pride." Jones will be back behind the counter at his butcher's shop this morning with a standing ovation from the home crowd still in his

This was a more polite reception than they bestowed upon their own side. County were booed off at half-time after 45 minutes in which one almost felt sympathy for the football. On the other side of the River Trent, Brian Clough used to plant a ball on the dressing-room table and tell his players: "This is your friend." County treated it like their worst enemy. Indeed, if Tommy Jones had put Col-wyn Bay ahead instead of volleying wide from 12 yards shortly after the break, the



home side might have struggled to respond.

Sam Allardyce, the manager, described his side's performance as "a thoroughly professional job", but the club is clearly in trouble. Last week it announced debts of £4 million; it is losing £6,000 per week and requires regular 7,000 crowds to break even. The 3,074 who turned up yesterday were entitled to query the wisdom of parting

with their money.
NOTTS COUNTY (3-5-2); D Ward — M.
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F Flobinson, pub: S Deny, 75mm), M Rob-son (sub: 1 Handon, 45); I Richardson, D.
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Pearce — S Farrell (sub* G Jones, 46), C Ducliey,
COLWYN BAY (4-4-2). R Roberts — G McCosh, C Caton, M Price, 8 Mann (sub; G
Druy, 8-1) — M Limbert (sub* P Donnelly,
24), L Congerton, G Grahem, C Lawton — T
Jones (sub* M Woods, 65), G Roberti,
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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Simpson banishes Hendon's blues

Leyton Orient

BY WALTER GAMMIE

IT WAS a case of the disunited colours of Hendon. Green paint decorated the modest main stand at Claremont Road, green scarves were draped over the home supporters, but the team played in

The switch of shirts was insisted upon by Ivor Arbiter, the Hendon chairman, as an antidote to unsettled times at a club that had sailed too close for comfort to relegation from the Ryman League premier division and dropped too many managers overboard in the process. Such has been the support of the man who

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plucks the strings at Fender Guitars, nobody was prepared to argue too loudly.

However, there was no denying traditional green at the end of a damp and drab Saturday afternoon in North London that had been lit up by an FA Cup first-round tie of rare excitement, rekindling memories of Hendon's Amateur Cup and FA Cup glories of the 1960s and 1970s.

At the start, the red of Leyton Orient had looked likely to lord it, with Carl Griffiths putting the Nationwide League third division side in front in the sixth minute after a corner by Martin Ling. Hendon clawed their way back with a freak equalising goal by Colin Simpson that at least owed something to persistence.

As Warren pased back to Hyde, the forward followed up, leapt and twisted in selfdefence as the goalkeeper launched a left-foot kick and saw the hall bounce off his hip into the goal. 'The manager [Frank Murphy] told us to chase and close down everything in the conditions," Simp-

son said. Although Smith swiftly volleyed Orient back ahead, Simpson's second equalising goal was due reward for the pressure that Hendon exerted from the start of the second half. Hyde had pawed away a fine free kick by Hyatt before Simpson stole behind the defence to head in a long cross from the touchline by White. It was White who alerted Murphy to Simpson, 21, who

being released by Watford. Simpson has swifity devel-oped a taste for the FA Cup. having scored both goals in the 2-1 fourth-qualifying round win over St Albans City but, battered and bruised, was on the bench by the time a flash of skill by Lynch, his replacement, laid on a chance for Lewis to win the match.

"I was on my feet," Simpson said. "I nearly knocked myself out leaping up. He just needed to head it a yard either side of the 'keeper and it would have been there.

HENDON (S-5-2): G McCarm — R Nagent, A Kelly (sub: M Howard, 60min), S Betemen — J-S Whae, S Heard, P Kelly, F Hyair, S Clarke — C Simpson (sub: A Lynch, 81), J Limes.

LEYTON ORIENT (3-4-3) P Hyde — M. Werren, S Hicks, S Clark — J Channing, M. Ling, D Smith (sub: R Jospen, 85), D Naylor — D Harrson, C Griffiths, J Herris (sub: J Baker, 60), had been in Hong Kong after

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

v ACT (at Mensfield Park, Heavick, 7.0).

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London Towers v Belgrade (Yug) (8.0).
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(at Mansfield Lesure Centre).

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Sheffield Steelers v Ayr Scottish Eagles
(7.20).

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COCA-COLA CUP: Fourth round: Chalses v Southempton (7.45); West Ham v Weisel (7.45). BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE Premie RUGBY LINION CHELTENHAM & GLOUCESTER CUP: Group D: Bedford v Cambridge University (7.30).

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Brackness Bees v Sheffield Staters (8.0).
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THURSDAY RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCH: West Hardepool v Tonga

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Uni-bell Trophy: Derby
Storm v Lebester Ridges (8.0). Classic Cota.
National Cup: Cuarter-final: London
Towers v Manchester Glants (8.0).
ICE HOCKEY: Express Cup: Cardiff Devise
v Basingstoke Bison (7.30).
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Bullets v Thames Valley Tigers (8.0).
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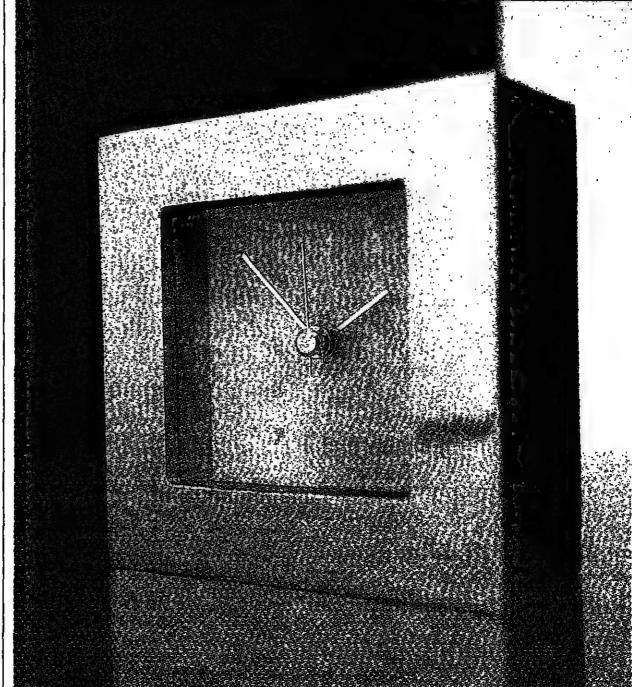
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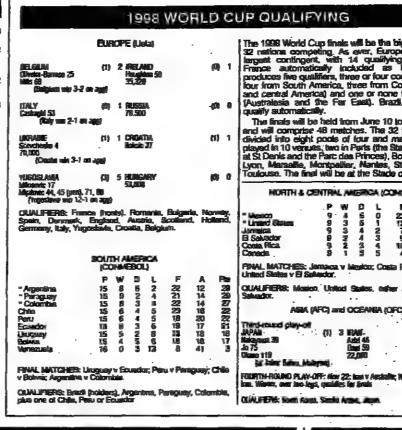
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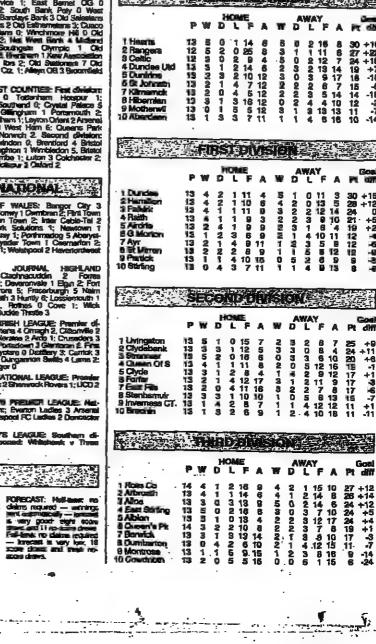
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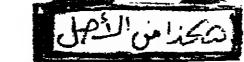
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England left to fear the worst as record-breaking victory confirms All Blacks' place in rugby legend

Gallant Ireland swept aside by irresistible force

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN DUBLIN

WHEN new England analyse the videotapes of this game ligament damage, said. before their international against the All Blacks in Manchester on Saturday, it will soon become apparent that the old order still exists. Those who wondered whether New Zealand's ad-

vance publicity had been exaggerated now know the truth. the first half-hour was They may not be infallible but They played with a strong wind behind them and used it well, with McGuinness and they are undoubtedly a great team and one that will only improve. The plaudits were fully justified, with Brian Ash-Elwood kicking to good effect, the wind ensuring that the ball ton, the Ireland coach, confirming his belief that they are held up sufficiently to offer the best side he has seen. their forwards a target to run In inflicting Ireland's record on to. New Zealand were defeat in terms of points flustered: they made uncusconceded, they were not flawtomary handling mistakes, less. They looked prone to Marshall's service was poor, the passing of Bunce and error under the high ball and they did not relish the early Ieremia wavward. Henderson

attention from Ireland. However, their ability to change

their game plan after a rela-

Trafford merely to survive.

would not be enough.

tively uncomfortable start, alselves under some pressure. Wood's tries gave Ireland an unlikely 15-11 lead, the first lied to their pace, power, vision and dynamism, sugcoming from a lineout, the gests that England will have to be at their very best at Old second after McCall's thumping tackle on Bunce and a deft Asked what it would take chip from Miller, but they could keep it going only for 30 minutes; England will need to for England to beat New Zealand, Rob Henderson, the Ireland centre, said: "Try drugs." A defensive perfor-mance on a par with that do so for 80 and ensure that their first-up tackles count.

Ireland were perhaps unforwhich the British Isles protunate to trail by 12 points at the break, but Marshall's try duced in South Africa this summer was Keith Wood's in injury time, when he burst from a ruck and past Dawson verdict, aithough that alone to score, proved a turning "New Zealand are a much point. In the second half better side than the Spring-Ireland were flayed alive as boks. They are much craftier," New Zealand upped their Wood, the Ireland captain. tempo and intensity to a level



Mehrtens eludes Henderson to set up the All Blacks' first try for Wilson. Photograph: Mike Cooper/Allsport

In the third quarter, New before retiring with ankle Zealand's play was bewilder-That New Zealand were ing in its brilliance. They forced to change their apscored 24 points in 16 minutes proach is to Ireland's credit. With five new caps in their line-up, of whom Nowlan, the and 36 without reply in all after half-time. They kept it simple, driving around the fringes, probing relentlessly; full back, and O'Kelly, the lock they were patient and conforward, were the pick, the home team's performance in trolled, waiting for the mo ment to strike. Three tries were scored after the ball had

ran out of numbers. Wilson, who scored the first try after Mehrtens had eluded Henderson on the outside in the 21st minute, added a second. Mehrtens punished Ireland's propensity to stray offside with six penalty goals and added five conversions. Osborne scored a brace of tries and McCall, in particular, closed down the midfield and himself, both with the assistance of what looked like New Zealand found themforward passes. It mattered

been recycled seven or eight

times. Ireland, who held their

own in the first phase, simply

Typically, though, the New Zealanders were their own harshest critics. John Hart, the coach, said that his side could not afford to make so many basic mistakes against

"If we start against England like we did today, we will be looking at a big scoreboard," Hart said. "England pose a significant threat to the All Blacks." Then, so do the All Blacks to England.

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A dropped pass or two from perfection

hen they get their act together, they really will be quite useful. Because the point about the match between Ireland and New Zealand on Saturday was that there is quite clearly room for improvement in the All Blacks side. And they know it, and they are working on it.

The All Blacks have arrived billed as the best rugby union side ever. Brian Ashton, the Ireland coach, had been one to express that view, and he found himself able to agree with himself afterwards, adding a special tribute to their remarkable patience".

Admittedly, knocking 52 unanswered points past the opposition does not, on the face of it, look like remarkable patience, but it was a telling remark. Patience in sport is a sign of genuine faith in your own powers. It reflects quiet and total belief in the inevitability of your own success.

But the All Blacks are not the finished article. Not yet. They dropped the bail on a number of occasions. Several times a flowing move was halted as a pass went a fraction behind the runner. forcing him to check. "We ally make," John Hart, the New Zealand cnach, said.

When I hear talk about unbeatable rugby teams, I think of Wigan in their pomp of a few years back. That team had patience, too, and it is an uncanny thing. In all forms of rugby it is startling: an instant change from a prolonge static state to a dramatics dynamic one. It is the ability to switch, in a stride, a pass, a broken tackle, from defence into attack — but not just attack. Into a finish, a score.

And to do it again and again That was the All Blacks eids of the second half. They never let go of the ball. They pushed upfield in rucks and mauls and then exploded and finished. And then did it all over again. It was like watching Wigan with the six-tackle rule suspended; it was like watching San Francisco 49ers knowing that fourth down would never come.

Interestingly, even standing still, the All Blacks look more SIMON BARNES



At Lansdowne Road

like a rugby league side than a traditional union team. There is not the usual collection of physical oddities - beanpoles, squat cubes of muscle, frail gazelles. All looked like runners; all could pass and catch and beat men. . There was a defining mo-

ment when Blowers, a flank forward, opened the defence with a huge dummy, ran into space and found, sprinting

alongside in support, Jones, a lock. Jones took the pass and perfect certainty. The long ran on to feed Mehrtens for the try. That is what total rugby is supposed to be about, it is not what New Zealand

are supposed to be about. Historically, they have always embraced the context of forward power. Rugby is about winning rucks and mauls. Passing is for wimps. Any hint of swagger, of lamboyance, would have

been like doing the haka in a frock. But this All Black side is full of extravagance. Hart accommodate the recent set of rule changes, the implication being that the All Blacks are just as hard, ruthless and

expedient as ever. The fact is that this New Zealand side is using extravagant passing moves as just one more percentage play. The old tradition of rugby both codes - is that multiple passing moves are fine if you are winning, or playing catchup. Otherwise they are anathema. But the great Wigan side mixed scintiflating moves with the killing quality of

pass was no risk: you knew it was accurate, you knew it would be caught. There was never an ounce of hit-andhope. They lived in a world of

extravagant certainty.
The All Blacks are moving towards that world, but they have not arrived there yet. "We have work to do," Hart said. "We can't afford to make mistakes against England

areas of All Black vulnerability in the first halfhour, their archetypal passion provoking the flood - what normal sides would call a trickle - of errors. They also showed what happens to the All Blacks if you come alongside and then fall just a

fraction below the pace. This dynamic New Zealand side is clearly intending to play the rugby union of the future: and, on Saturday, it was clear that the future was not yet upon us. Not yet. It mìght take as much as a Whole week before it finally

Little comfort in six-try victory

IT WAS wet and windy at St Helen's, in Swansea, yesterday, and the weather at least partly explained perhaps the smallest crowd ever to have watched a Wales international in the principality. But 6,000 spectators nevertheless saw Wales comfortably win a match that they were never in danger of losing.
This was Wales's highest

score against the South Pacific Islanders. Yet it remained a game from which not a great deal of comfort would be drawn, given the prospect of facing New Zealand in two weeks' time. Coming close to a half century of points will, of course, be pleasing, but the very laboured manner in which they were achieved will disappoint the coaches.

This criticism might be alle-viated when considering that the visitors were penalised 18 times against Wales's five in the first half. Offside was the common transgression which, with a sterner referee, could well, with its constant repetition, have cost Tonga a player.
If these penalties inhibited Wales, then the Welsh players

France

South Africa

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SOUTH Africa's joy at winning a

spectacular first international against

France in Lyons on Saturday was

tempered with the news that Joost van der

Westhuizen will miss the rest of the

The scrum half suffered a torn groin

Springboks' tour of Europe.

en the ample opportunity, why

they could not create the space

for Walker and Thomas on the

wings, even though the latter

did collect two tries and Walk-

er, very late in the match, did

first try, which Jenkins also

converted. But the advantage

of this comfortable lead was

Ignoring other opportuni-

plavers.

the opposition.



insisted on running the ball but without much success. Applying pressure in a straightforward manner, by kicking for position, might have proved more useful.

get one. With Wyatt, a winger playing at full back, and a The style of play seemed speedy runner, opportunities naive. It is an error to believe were limited for these three that to play the ball in the hand is always essential. Ac-The game was played largecumulation of points must be ly in the middle of the field and the principal objective; if the the source of momentum usuopportunities are presented in ally stemming from the pow-erful charges of both centres and the back row. These front of the posts in the form of penalties, then they should be

Eventually, Jenkins took note. He added another penal-ty and converted Leigh Daproved profitable only in the sense that, finally, they fired Wales, with the wind at vies's try, which had followed a sustained siege on the Tonga their backs in the first half, collected points easily enough; Jenkins's two early penalties were augmented by Thomas's

Injury tempers South Africa's joy

and a hamstring injury during the 36-32

win and flew home yesterday. Werner Swanepoel is expected to take his place for

Both sides threw the ball around and

the forwards engaged in a titanic struggle

in Lyons. The intensity of the match and

the standard of the play was something I have never experienced before," Philippe Saint-Andre, the France captain, said.

South Africa took a 36-15 lead when

James Small scored their fifth try, after 60

minutes, but France rallied superbly.

the international in Paris on Saturday.

Wales never acquired in this six-try win the slickness which they might have desired, but with their visitors obviously getting tired, the tries came Wales's way. After Jenkins had kicked his fourth penalty.

vies, in the most thrilling run of the afternoon, broke for 30 metres before sending Wyatt sprinting for his try.

Both of these were the result of good Wales play, as were the tries by Anthony and Walker. But there was too much that was indifferent in between. Tai scored Tonga's other try, late in the match.

Other try, late in the match.

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By NICOLAS ANDREWS

PROBABLY the best of a bad job," John Kingston, of Rich-mond, said on Saturday, and his words will have been echoed by directors of rugby up and down the country. The league cup is not the problem, the month gap is." The Cheltenham & Glouces-

ter Cup has been set up at short notice to fill the void in the club season left by the plethora of autumn internationals. Bath, Harlequins, Newcastle, Saracens and Wasps have chosen not to compete, but 19 clubs from the Allied Dunbar Premiership, faced with four weeks without a fixture, are chasing a first

Cambridge University have made up the numbers and four groups of five teams will play over the next three weekends. During the five nations' championship, the top two in each group will contest quar-ter-finals (on February 21), before semi-finals on March 21 and the final on April 4. Clubs are free to decide how

prize of £20,000.

strong a team to field, and key personnel are being rested, but the competition gives those on the fringes a chance to stake their claims. And, as Kingston said, without it, players would have been paid to do nothing until the league resumes on December 13.

Fair enough, but, given this evidence, that might have been preferable. While Richmond comfortably beat their co-habiters of the Athletic Ground in group D on Saturday morning, it was a dire

one margin is acceptable," Kingston said, "but not us. We have set our standard and were well off it today. The forwards were inept, the decision-making at Nos 9 and 10

was shocking." There were eight internationals on view, and Pichot and Martin, who succeeded the week before for Argentina where England failed against Australia, had some excuse, but motivation was Richmond's principal problem. Dominic Chapman ran in three tries and Mike Hutton worked hard in midfield, but there was little else.

London Scottish fielded a

much-changed side and, although Courtney Smith took advantage of Earl Va's absurd decision to try to run the hall out of a crowded Richmond in-goal area for a score that made it 10-7 on the halfhour, they were never seriously in contention. "We were a little disjointed,"

tish director of rugby, said. "We didn't finish things off. Richmond had three chances in the first half and took them all. They were more clinical. That was the difference." SCORENS: RICHMOND: These Chapman 3 (Inth. 13, 37), Brown (59), Dears (76). Communications of Participation of the (55) LONDON SCOTTISH: Thy C Smith (29) Conversions McQuisted SCORENG SEQUENCE (Pickmand Batt): 5-0, 16-0, 10-7, 15-7 (natisma), 22-7, 85-7, 30-7.

John Steele, the London Scot-

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By KRVIN FERRIE

HAVING waited since August to get their season underway in earnest, Scotland's clubs had hoped that this contest between last season's cup finalists would be a match to set the standards for the months ahead. Circumstances, however, were to dictate otherwise, with the rain arriving minutes before kick-off to make it as difficult as possible to play the sort of rugby that would serve as an advertisement for

the Tennent's Premiership. Not that the players showed a prest deal of enterprise in attempting to overcome the conditions or a disappointing contribution from an unsympathetic referee. The attitude was best summed up when, in the closing stages, Melrose opted to kick a penalty despite being 18-3 ahead.

It was exactly the sort of situation the new bonus points system had been devised for. In control of the match, having scored two tries, the champions ought to have run the ball in an attempt to put themselves in with a chance of claiming the bonus point that is awarded for crossing the opposition line four times. By that stage, Boroughmuir were a bedraggled-looking side; the solidity of the Melrose defence having thwarted their every

attempt to find a way through. To add to the gloom, Rowen Shepherd, of Melrose, who had to withdraw from Scotland's tour of South Africa with damaged ribs, suffered another knock in the same area, and may be doubtful for

scores shortly before departing, as Melrose subdued the attempts by the visitors to capitalise on a strong wind. Chris Dalgleish, the wing. secured the game with tries either side of half-time. His first proved crucial in ensuring that there was no way back for the Edinburgh side." A long miss-pass from Craig Chalmers paved the way for the score and Andy Purves, a replacement, transferred the ball to the unmarked Dalgleish. His second came courtesy of

TENNENT'S CUP FOURTH-ROUND DRAW! Unitingow v Boroughmuir; Musselburgh v Curne; Kirkcaidy v Trinity Academicals; Bigger v Klimernock Felcors; West of Scotland v Glasgow Southern; Hawtek v Langinolm, Heriot's FP v Arnan; East Klibride v Dunden HSPP; Melroce v Grangernoutir; Aberdean GSPP v Glasgow Hawke; Jad-Forest v Camook; Siriling County v Gordonians; Edinburgh Academicals v Dalziel; Murrayfield Wandarers v Kelso; Peables v Gala: Strathendrick v Watsomlans.

some elusive running by Derek Bain, in the centre, who picked up a well-judged pass from Bryan Redpath at pace and cut his way deep into the 22 before sending Dalgleish

on his way. SCORERS: Metroec: Tries; Dalgielen 2 (38min, 60), Conversion: Chaimers, Pen-etty goals: Shepherd (13), Chaimers 2 (28, 77) Boroughmuir; Penalty goals: Reeke

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MELROSE: FI Shepherd (rep: A Purves, 22mm), C Daiglesh, S Nichol (rep: A Clark, 67), D Bain. M Monorast: C Chairmers, B Radpetts, M Browns, S Brotherstorne, I Correvall, R Brown, S Althen, C Redpeth, D West, G Hogg.
BORDUCHARUP: C Althen; J Walters, D Wille, I, Graham, D MacRise; B Reckle, A Kraght: Fi McNathy, K Alara, A Perstan, D Burns, G McCallum, A Cadzow, S Wenda (rep: H Scown, 49), S Reid.

Little cheer as cup | Injury to Shepherd fills fixture void deepens the gloom Tatafu, taking advantage of lax Welsh play near their own line, scored his team's first try. Gibbs put in a delicate grubber kick for Thomas's second try. Then Leigh Dathe international against Ausclubs might think a five-try-totralia on Saturday. London Scottish ... Boroughmuir WRU Shepherd had levelled the

Emergence of Perry lights up an otherwise drab and dreary display at expectant Twickenham

England's spirit of adventure fails to impress



By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SPORT is a process of constant renewal, springtime in autumn, which engenders irrational outbursts of optimism. The disappointment surrounding England's draw with Australia at Twickenham on Saturday was, therefore, the more tangible so clearly was it shared by players, support staff and spectators who, at one stage, were moved to slow-handelap competitors involved in a seemingly endless sequence of errors.

Should we have looked for

Should we have looked for more? In an individual sense, yes, because these are players practising their art professionally and wet conditions have never been accepted as an excuse by the better teams. But, in the context of a young England team that had never played together before, five of whom were new to international rugby, and an Australia team whose confidence has been badly impaired, a draw was a fair result.

Considering that Australia, with nearly 300 caps compared with England's 170, carried by far the greater experience and should have benefited from work done together on tour in Argentina, England could derive satisfaction from competing so well.

Australians will point to

Australians will point to their team's two tries and the threat posed by Horan, Tune or Larkham whenever they had the ball, but the fact remains that England seldom ceased searching for the attacking option and Catt's penalty count was the result.

Execution of team skills,

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however, was sadly awry. If quality of performance was Clive Woodward's yardstick in this first meeting of four in quick succession against the three southern-hemisphere powers, then England have far to go; the new coach will, though, derive some satisfaction from the pervasive attitude of attack (not all of it well-judged) that is not something of which many England teams

of the past have been accused.
On an individual level, he will look at Matt Perry, to a lesser extent Will Greenwood, and the returning Garath Archer and be happy with his selection. Perry's certainty was a revelation, the possibilities endless as to what he may achieve from full back.

One cameo bore particular testimony to his high quality: his recognition that Rees, isolated and under pressure, needed help followed by his driving into the ruck like a veteran flank forward to help to save the day. Two trysaving tackles in the first half alone went with his ability to move either way, which is where the injured Tim Stimpson has specific drawbacks.

Not all of Perry's game shone like gold but, because he is a mature young man, he will recognise the flaws: two kicks led to the Australia tries, the first a misguided attempt to keep the ball infield, the second a sliced, crossfield clearance.

Perry was well aware that England's offensive policy had been trimmed by the wet weather, but given that, they still sought to keep the ball infield, rather than giving Eales the chance to dominate at the lineout; Perry, Bracken and Catt deliberately used the kick as an attacking weapon but all too seldom did England pursue in sufficient numbers.

The irony was that, on the day, the lineout was a lottery. Both sides turned over possession. Archer was allowed to bump his opponents around and Foley's throwing was particularly wayward.

If England emerged with

credit from that phase, though, their scrum creaked alarmingly: Long, whose time will come again, was replaced by Cockerill at the interval, which thade the throwing more secure and tightened the set scrums but Green, confronted by the abrasiwe Harry, found international rugby, a demanding arena and the referee constantly demanded that he packed straight rather than at an angle.

Difficulties there precluded

the back row from achieving as much as they would have wished. Diprose played as well as a No 8 in defensive mode could have done, but it was as well that the back row's tackling was so secure because the tackle count of their front-five colleagues was less impressive. Nor, on either flank, were Adebayo and Rees able to judge the flight of kicks as well as they might have.

England's best period was the opening quarter, even though Catt's first penalty was their only reward. You can argue forever whether Australia might have achieved a match-winning advantage had Eales been more secure with his goal-kicking he missed two penalties and a conversion in the first half and

a third penalty later.

His failure led to the decision to kick for touch rather than at goal before Roff stepped in to the breach. Catt, it should be remembered, lost his accuracy in the second half and four penalty chances went begging.

His first three successes

gave England their 9-5 interval lead, Australia's try the result of a good counter when Perry's kick went into midfield

Perry shows the determination and delightful work between Horan and Gregan. If Australia were to take the match, it should have been midway through the second half, when Tune took Horan's slipped reverse pass close to a ruck and ran through to the line.

That was a critical moment

That was a critical moment for England and they responded with their best period of sustained play, Bracken working the blind side and Adebayo smashing off his wing to within two metres of the line before Larkham brought him down.

But that was a rare glint of what might have been. So frequently was the ball turned over by players who have yet to learn that patience is a virtue that neither side could achieve the continuity that they so desperately needed.

Catt at least retained his composure. Two minutes into injury time, and with England trailing 15-12, he opened up the midfield, chipped Larkham and was body-checked by the Australia full back, who

received a yellow card. Catt picked himself up and kicked the 36-metre penalty goal that levelled the match; that he failed to win it from 54 metres even deeper into injury time was no surprise, while Australia's 60-metre breakout, which gave Roff a penalty chance from 48 metres, was a poignant reminder of better days.

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New boys face ultimate test

"I DON'T think the All Blacks will be losing any sleep over our performance." Clive Woodward said ruefully, but at least the England coach now has a yardstick for performance. His brave new world seems a long way away, and may seem even further after the meeting with New Zealand at Old Trafford on Saturday, but Woodward never claimed to be a miracle-

He has another tier of players available, with far more international experience than most of those who played at Twickenham last Saturday. Many will appear in the emerging players' XV (to be announced this morning) which meet the All Blacks

(to be announced this morning) which meet the All Blacks at Huddersfield tomorrow evening, after which Woodward will decide on his team to play at Old Trafford. He

By DAVID HANDS ever, that conservative thinking will play no part in his

There is little prospect of Alex King reclaiming the place at fly half from which he was forced to withdraw last week. Woodward wants him to play a match before being exposed to an international, and tomorrow may be too early. Adedayo Adebayo is expected to recover by Saturday from a scratched eyeball, but England need huge im-

provement in the set pieces to have any prospect against the best team in the world.

"We have to improve out of sight, just to compete," John Mitchell, the assistant coach, said. "We have to learn to attack, we have to react quicker, be more urgent on the ball.

through the hard yards,"
England's tight five could not impose itself on an Australian pack fresh from the demands made on them by Argentina, whose scrummage power is legendary. "We have

Argentina, whose scrummage power is legendary. "We have to change the mind-set at scrums, but it's not going to happen overnight." Mitchell said, acknowledging the use of the scrum as an attacking weapon. "The easy solution is to play more experienced players, but if we are to progress, we must have increased depth and the players on Saturday will have learnt a lot."

Australia face Scotland on Saturday, hoping that Joe Roff can extend his future as a goalkicker. "I would be very pleased to hand the kicking on as soon as someone wants to do it," John Eales, their personable captain, said.

Dallaglio seeks perfect balance

was consumed by the conflicting forces of strident self-belief
and supressed self-doubt.

Some players felt the need to bellow;
others silently scanned the walls with
nervous, darting eyes. It was time for
Lawrence Dallaglio to think on his feet.

Lawrence Dallaglio to think on his feet. He had no pre-planned speech for the callow team clustered around him; no theatrical call to arms to recite for the occasion. His priority, in the final seconds before the referee's knock on the door on Saurday, was to maintain the eternal balance between emotion and logic, aggression and reason.

"Remember the top four inches," he said, tapping his head and referring to the intelligence required to play international rugby. Discipline is essential, commitment is absolute, responsibility is collective. "You deserve to be here." he said, countering the insecurities of five new caps. "Look each other in the eye. You know you are with the best guys you could be."

All too soon they were gone, sprint-

May Serve

ing out of the tunnel towards the light and sound of Twickenham. Most, instinctively, looked up to the West Stand in an attempt to recognise their relatives. Dallaglio thought, for an acutely personal instant, of his parents, Vincenzo and Eileen, and of how farthey had travelled together.

They introduced him to mini-rugby

They introduced him to mini-rugby at Staines, braved the muddy, wind-whipped touchlines of Ampleforth College and eased him through the initiation rituals of second XV rugby at Wasps. Now they looked down from the concrete shrine to professionalism on a son who was captaining his country for the first time.

"I'm not the sort to wallow in it all, to
tell myself how well I've done but,
when you run out there, every time
feels like the first time." Dallaglio
reflected. He felt a fleeting surge of
pride but, deep down, held himself
back because of the hidden limitations

of the job.

As a powerful yet philosophical man, who possesses a quiet dignity, he finds himself cast as a role model for a new generation. For the foreseeable future, his every utterance, each instinct and action, will be scrutinised. Important-

Michael Calvin reports on how the new

England captain prepared his fledgeling side

ly, he understands that a captain job to create a cannot operate in isolation, however can feed off."

exalted his media profile.

Dallaglio is the antithesis of Will Carling, whose captaincy of England illustrated the power of the cult of personality. They both began against Australia — Carling with a 28-19 victory nine years earlier — and both represented revolution, rather than evolution. But there the similarities end. Power is devolved in the new England. Dallaglio does not dominate, nor does he spout the psychobabble of the man-management industry.

"Everyone has the right to say what they feel because, out there, on the pitch, there are no hiding places," he said. "The best players find the right equilibrium. They balance that physical edge with mental discipline. It's my

job to create an atmosphere that people

Martin Johnson, the British Isles captain, is encouraged to mirror Dallaglio's raw passion in the privacy of the dressing-room. Jason Leonard's understated authority naturally drew Andy Long and Will Green, newcomers in the front row, towards him. Phil de Glanville and Mike Catt played a smilar thepherd's role with Will Greenwood, David Rees and Matt Perry, the new backs.

The new guys have learnt that international rugby is a totally different experience." Dallaglio said yesterday, after distilling the flaws of a typically anticlimactic draw against Australia. "It is not just an 80-minute exercise — it spans the whole week, from Monday night until Sunday



Dallaglio knows England's performance left room for improvement

morning. The atmosphere is unique and the distractions are very different. The most important lesson, in playing terms, is that the international game is faster, harder than anything you have previously experienced. The hits carry more force. There is less time on the ball. You need the patience to wait for the right opportunity and the ability to make the most of it when it comes.

"As a newcomer, you have to listen to all those around you, take on board what they say and then make your own decisions. It is up to you to digest what you feel is important, and discard what you feel you can do without. The challenge is to sustain the quality of your performance."

t takes up to 72 hours for the body to absorb the punishment of an international. A vivid red weat, some four inches long, beside Dallaglio's right eye is his souvenir of his introduction to the England captainty. Though the inquest will not begin until later this week, his thoughts are beginning to crystallise.

"We're obviously aware of the things we need to improve," he said. "This is not a one-game thing. It is going to evolve and there is a lot more to come from this group. We stood off Australia a bit, paid them a bit of respect, but the self-belief is there because we didn't buckle. It is a question of allying desire and attitude, of maximising the potential of individuals.

"If we want to learn what a good

"If we want to learn what a good tearn is, we have only to look at a Formula One pitstop. Everyone has a specific role to play, whether they are wiping the driver's visor or changing one of the wheels. Each person is working under intense pressure, but with such efficiency that, as a unit, they become an absolute machine.

"All the best teams are like that. In motor racing, you'd think of Williams. In football, you'd think of Liverpool in the Eighties. In rugby union, you'd probably think of the All Blacks. Since they were beaten in the 1995 World Cup final they've taken their game to another level." A level, of course, that England must match at Old Trafford on Saturday. Stirring deeds, rather than soothing words, will be required.



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Men talk their way

FROM JOHN HOPKINS. GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN PRAIA D'EL REY. PORTUGAL

to victory

THE Bantle of the Sexes turned out to be less a contest more a war of words. The Seniors, captained by Tommy Horton, ran away with it over this outstanding new links course, winning the third day's singles against the women professionals of Europe by 52-42 and thus the inaugural European Cup 13-7.

When men play golf against women, the key question is how much of an advantage from the tees the men should concede to make it a test of skill and not strength. Determining this is every bit as difficult coming up with a satisfactory solution to some centuries-old religious dis-

puts.
But in the five fourballs, on Saturday, the event's officials were at fault. The women needed more of an advantage at this form of golf, particular-ly on a windy day. The women were well-beaten and to all intents and purposes the com-petition ended there and then.

At times the event resembled a nursery game. He who squealed loudest and longest won the day. It was the men after foursomes on Friday, the women after the fourballs on Saturday and there was kind of an eerie silence after the

singles.
"Our tees are too far back." the men said on Friday evening, when the first day's five foursomes had ended level, 22-24. When the tees were adjusted for the second day's play, it was the women's turn to howl. "Our tees were not far enough forward." the women said after they had been whitewashed in the fourballs and the score had moved to

"It is totally unfair," Marie Laure de Lorenzi, the women's captain, said, ignoring the fact that the men had actually played very well (they were 34 under par for the 67 holes they played) and emphasizing, instead, how difficult the women found playing this course in a

firm wind. The men had whinged after the foursomes and got what they wanted. We played well today but it was totally

demoralising." The tees were adjusted for the third day's singles to give the women a further advantage, 330 yards on the front

nine and 235 on the homeward nine. "We were very conscious we did not want the men to run away with the first three matches." Keith Waters, a Senior tour official, said. For a while the men did not. Trish Johnson, who went from being two up after two holes. to two down after II, finished like a champion against Antonio Garrido. A birdie on the toth and another on the short 17th saw her home.

In the second match, David Creamer demonstrated an unusual technique on the greens. Instead of prostrating himself in front of de Lorenzi, which is what men are inclined to do to the former model, he lay on his back to look down the line of his putt when the green sloped away from him. This unusual technique was not enough for him to stop the women's captain winning

Though Jim Rhodes lost to Karen Lunn by taking a five on the 18th and Brian Waites halved his match against Maria Hjorth, the men at the rear of the field were taking control. All four won.

Matches ended with a touching display of gallantry. The women would extend their hand, the men lean forward and peck them on the cheek. Such politesse was almost always followed by brave talk about gallantry and good fun. Only Kathryn Marshall, who scored a birdle on the 18th, having won the 17th, to beat Maurice Bembridge, openly talked of the extra edge that existed in a match such as

"Any competitor does not this female-male thing makes it much more pleasurable to win. There was a wee bit of niggle but I suppose we'll all go out together tonight, have a few drinks and have a good

In victory, Horton presented the image of a relieved man. So, more than likely, would men the world over. One of his feam had spoken to him about the unspeakable losing to women. "You're playing with my pension," he had said to his captain. Horton concluded: "We were all very apprehensive."

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Japan hails Europe's rising son

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN GOTEMBA, JAPAN

THE Japanese are calling Lee Westwood Europe's Tiger Woods, and the 24-year-old from Worksop, who covets the world No 1 spot himself, did nothing to disabuse his hosts of that notion when he won one of their piggest tournaments, the Sumitomo Visa Taiheiyo Masters, for the second successive year at Gotemba, near Tokyo, yesterday.

It was Westwood's third individual victory of the season (he also played a full part in Europe's Ryder Cup win at Valderrama), his second in three weeks and probably the most impressive of his short exceer. l'hitee shois clear after a third round of 65, seven under par, he withstood a strong initial challenge from Mark O'Meara, the United States Ryder Cup player, and a late charge from Japan's finest — the brothers Ozaki - to win by a shot.

The Englishman's final round of 71 gave him a total of 272, 16 under par and earned him 27 million yen. It sounds like a lot of money, and it is - it translates into

something like £130,000 and Westwood's earnings in the past three weeks are in the region of £440,000, taking his prize-money for the season to more than a £1 million so far. (He made a little dent in the total by buying his father, John, a Land Rover for his fiftieth birthday today.)

This week he is competing in the Dunlop Phoenix, Japan's richest tournament. Next week his world tour he played in Spain, where he won the Volvo Masters, and in the US, where he was second in the Subaru Sarazen World Open, in the weeks preceding the Japan jaunt — takes him to Melbourne for the Holden Australian Open.

"If I win the next two tournaments, I might buy an aeroplane," Westwood, al-

It was far from a wishful

thought, for he is a confident young man with a placid nature and takes everything as it comes. "You've got to take your chances when you're playing well and when you get on a roll, you can see yourself winning Yesterday, on another

bleak day (the course is renowned for its views of Mount Fuji, but the landmark was shrouded in cloud all week) Westwood's screne temperament survived a severe test. He three-putted twice in the first five holes at the 1st and the 5th - but reached the turn in level par. thanks to birdies at the par fives, the 3rd and 6th. O'Measa, meanwhile, had.

gone out in 33 and drew level, on 15 under par, with a birdle three at the 10th, The American lost his edge when he missed a two-foot birdie put at the long lift — where Westwood, secured his four

to regain the lead — and he fell back completely with bogeys at the 15th and 16th. to leave the chase to the Ozaki boys.

Joe, a regular on the US Tour, had three successive birdle threes from the 14th to cut the lead to one, but dropped a shot at the short 17th and had to hole a 15footer at the last for a birdle four to tie with Jumbo, Japan's No I and the world No 5, on 273, 15 under. Jumbo, ever the showman, had finished with an eagle three but Westwood was happy to settle for a conservative, if not quite palpitation-free, five.

The last putt was only two feet but Westwood had missed one of the same length at the 14th, and that was on his mind. It was not lost on anyone else, either, for television re-ran the miss as the Englishman was surveying his putt on the 18th. But there was to be no reprise - and no reprieve for

Southgate put end to end to reign of cup-holders

SOUTHGATE moved into the fifth round of the English Hockey Association Cup yesterday with a comfortable 4-1 home win against Teddington, the holders. Reading, the run-ners-up last year, had better luck with a 4-2 victory at East

Duncan Woods converted two short corners for Southgate, whose sharper reactions inside the circle paid dividends. Teddington made little headway against the home side's sound defence and found their rhythm only in the last ten minutes. Further goals by Shaw and Carolan pushed Southgate into a 4-0 lead before Wallis scored from a minute for Teddington.

Reading took control of their match against East Grinstead in the second half after an interval score of I-I. Ashdown scored two goals for Reading. one from a short corner, with Pearn and Wyatt, from a short corner, chipping in. Welsh, from a short corner, and Laird

Canterbury recorded the day's highest score with a 10-5 victory at home against Guildford, Damy Laslett hitting the target four times for

Canterbury from open play. Other premier division clubs to survive were Cannock. Beeston, Doncaster, Hounslow, Old Loughtonians and Barford Tigers.

Hounslow were taken to extra time by Surbiton with the score at 2-2, Gillmon scoring for Hounslow in the 81st minute from a short corner for a 3-2 victory.

The only non-league clubs left in the competition are Chichester, Ipswich, Spalding and Old Cranleighans. Shef-field went down 4-3 to Chichester after Chichester had led 3-2 by half-time. The scorers for Chichester were Savory (two) and Lock, who converted two short corners. The goals for Sheffield were obtained by Cordon, Bradshaw from a short corner and McAuliffe.

Cannock's 3-3 draw against East Grinstead in the national league on Saturday kept them on top of the premier division. a point ahead of Southgate who defeated Guildford 4-0. Simons scored twice for Southgate, with Attala and Shaw adding to the score. Bhatti sayed East Grinstead from defeat at home with an equalising goal two minutes before the end.

Ipswich bow out

made amends for their dismal display in front of goal in their 2-1 defeat by Ipswich in the premier division on Saturday with a 3-0 win over the Suffolk team in the third round of the EHA Cup yesterday (Cathy Harris writes).

The league result keeps Ipswich in second place in the table behind the unbeaten champions and title favourites, Slough, who swept to a a 6-3 victory against Trojans. "Our season is effectively over because we have very little realistic chance of defeating Slough," Donna Mills, the Ipswich manager, said. "We have a growing list of injuries and are just hoping to have II fit players for Saturday's game against them. Our

backs are against the wall." Determined to improve their lowly league position. Sutton paid a heavy price after Charlotte Merrett missed two first-half opportu-nities, and Louisa Turney

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Headache for Higgins as

blundered three times in a five-minute spell after the break, against Ipswich. Jane Sixsmith levelled after Tracy Fry opened the scoring from a 24th-minute penalty corner, before Sarah Bamfield finished in style.

Seizing on their opportunities in the cup match, Sutton booked their place in the fourth round with a muchimproved performance. Nicky Hickton set them on their way in the seventh minute, before Sixsmith and Turney took the game beyond

Slough romped home 9-0 against Sherwood but Hightown, the holders, were taken to a penalty shoot-out by nonminster after drawing 1-1. Kate Walsh, Tina Cullen, who hit the equaliser, and Fiona Lee all scored from the spot to put the Merseysiders through.

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CRICKET: PAKISTAN'S EMERGING TALENTS MAKE THEM SLIGHT FAVOURITES TO BEAT WEST INDIES.

Wasim's return should tilt Test balance

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN PERHAWAR, PARIETAN

TWO teams with a sense of mission begin the Test match that starts today in this frontier city close to the Khyber Pass. Pakistan have just been beaten at home by South Africa; West Indies want to amend the widely held view that the modern game is passing them by. Failure for either could have significant consequences. Having inspected a dry, cracked

pitch that is expected to offer turn sooner rather than later, both sides will give Test debuts to slow bowlers. West Indies will rely on Rawl Lewis, a 23-year-old leg spinner from the Windward Islands, to support the familiar pace team of Walsh, Ambrose and Bishop. Pakistan have promoted a local off spinner, Arshad Khan, who plays ahead of Saqlain Mushtaq in the first game of a three-match series.

Wasim Akram, restored to the captaincy now that his injured shoulder has healed, explained that Saglain, who played for Surrey in the county championship in the summer, had mislaid his best form against South Africa. Arshad, at 26 a veteran by Pakistan standards, partners Mushtao Ahmed in an attack that is also without

Shahid Nazir is preferred to Waqar. whose absence is accounted for by the long-standing foot injury that has clipped two yards off his fastest pace and by the flatness of the pitch. Haroon Rashid, the team manager, thought it best to conserve the bowler's fitness for the subsequent Tests in Rawalpindi and Karachi, where he hoped the pitches would be livelier.

Pakistan have never been short of talented young players but, at the moment, they appear to have an embarrassment of riches. In order to accommodate Aamir Sohail, who moves up to his customary opener's position, they have left out Ali Naqvi, who, three Tests ago, made a century on his debut. Nor is there room for Hasan Raza, the wonder boy, last year, or Shahid Afridi, who has blomed his copybook by going off to play in Bangladesh without the board's consent.

It is never easy to gauge the mood of the Pakistan team. To infer too much from the recent defeat against South Africa and their indifferent form in the one-day competition that followed would be erroneous. They remain a side chock-full of brilliant players and. now that Wasim is back to apply a steady hand on the tiller, they must be favoured to beat West Indies.

This is a busy winter of international cricket for Pakistan, who play fewer Test matches than the other established nations. In the new year they go



Wasim: restored to captaincy

to South Africa for three more Tests and, if Wasim is not to be a victim of pass-the-parcel, the game by which this country tends to appoint its captains, his men really need to win

There is a smell of decay about their opponents. Clive Lloyd, the team manager, is entitled to point out that they have lost only one series away from the Caribbean in the past 17 for at least three years, sustained in that time by the astonishing tenacity of Walsh and Ambrose and the sporadic

brilliance of Lara. It is asking a lot of young Lewis to pitch him in for a debut in conditions that are as foreign to these players as they could possibly be. When they ruled the roost with their divisions of fast bowlers, West Indies abandoned the art of spin bowling as a means of winning matches. Now they are struggling to find fast bowlers of the necessary quality.

Walsh. 35, and Ambrose, a year junior, are approaching the end of their distinguished Test careers. They have taken 645 wickets between them and have hardly missed a match in the course of their labours. Bishop, deprived by injury of the chance to become truly great, has also turned 30. Before long, it seems, Rose and Dillon may be leading the attack. It does not

sound a frightening prospect.
Campbell and Stuart Williams retain their places at the top of the order, despite a claim by the uncapped Philo Wallace, who made a career-best 142 against an Invitation XI in Rawalpindi last week. There is an English presence in Peshawar, David Shepherd is standing as the neutral umpire and Raman Subba Row is the match

Ponting threatens upset

JOHN HIGGINS today requires the strongest fightback of his short but highly successful professional career in order to prevent the most Ponting cleared up. surprising result of the Nineties at the Liverpool Victoria

After a session he would prefer to forget, Higgins, edged out 10-9 by Stephen Hendry in the final last year, is trailing Gary Ponting, of Bristol, 7-1 and is within two frames of elimination.

United Kingdom champion-

ship in Preston.

Runner-up in the Grand Prix last month and for some time Hendry's closest pursuer in the world rankings, Higgins has rarely performed less effectively. Ponting, the world No 84, did nothing particularly special, but pulled away steadily.

A clearance of 42 enabled Higgins to steal the sixth frame on the pink, but he could not generate any mo-mentum. Already frustrated by his form, the Scot had no luck in the closing frame of the BY PHIL YATES

afternoon when he went in-off after potting the brown and

Ponting qualified for the final televised stages of the 1994 World Championship as a rookie, but, prone to mi-graines, he has made little impact since. Before this tournament, he had failed to win a match this season.

Hendry's 5-2 defeat by Tai Pichit, an amateur wild-card entry, in the first round of the 1994 Thailand Open, is generally regarded as the biggest upset of the decade, but unless Higgins can win eight of the remaining nine frames, that will be overtaken.

Higgins rallied from a 6-1 deficit to beat Tony Drago 9-8 12 months ago, but an immeasurable improvement will be needed to block Ponting's path into the last 32.

On the eve of the World Championship this year, Ken Doherty was criticised publicly by ian Doyle, his manager.

as "unprofessional". It was the motivational prod the Irishman required and he went on to capture the title.

Fast forward six months and again Doherty has discovered a timely source of inspiration as he attempts to join Steve Davis, John Parrott and Hendry as the only player to complete the World and UK Championship double in the same year.

To say Doherty was annoyed by the bookmakers installing him as 20-1 outsider would be an exaggeration. Nevertheless, he is justified in believing his achievement at the Crucible has been undervalued and is determined to prove them wrong.

To make me 20-1 is an absolute joke," Doherty, who reached the third round on Saturday with a 9-3 victory over Karl Broughton, said. 'I'm not a gambler myself, but I know good value when I see it and I'm sure a few folks back home will take advantage".

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Durden-Smith, this was phase one of Mission Southern Hemisphere. For Clive Woodward, it was phase one of Mission Rebuild. And, for BSkyB, it was phase one of let's-make-this-as-much-like-Grandstand-as-wepossibly-can.

It was an uncharacteristically unadventurous approach by the satellite broadcaster, but then rugby has always been a conservative game. Investing in a satellite dish was considered enough of a shock to be going on with

The plan now is to make England rugby fans feel at home as quickly as possible. Familiarity came in the form of Nick Farr-Jones, the former Australia captain, whose tech-

ccording to Mark Durden-Smith, this nical analysis has been one of the cornerstones of the BBC's summariser. The effect was good, but it could have been five nations' coverage in the past few seasons, and Bill Beaumont, whose broadcasting career looked to have come to an end last season along with the BBC's contract.

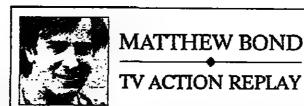
As for gently reminding people that England's home internationals are now on satellite, I can't think of a better way than with four games against the three best sides in the world over successive weekends.

Sky's studio foursome was completed by some homegrown talent - Durden-Smith, who with half a season presenting club rugby behind him is already a competent

Broadcasters strive to get on rugby wavelength

What it lacked was a repre sentative from the Will Car ling glory years, years that changed the public perception of English rugby forever by making it both glamorous and fashionable. Carling himself was the obvious choice, so obvious that ITV had snapped him up to front their recorded coverage, which, thanks to the delayed kick-off at Twickenham, got underway barely 15 minutes after the final whistle

had blown. On the BBC, it was a position that the articulate Rob there was a certain justice in watching Barnes, his perennial understudy, seeking to do



the same on Sky. But. for all his caption reading "England 84-93", you don't have to be a

If suggesting Barnes make way again sounds harsh, it isn't, for two reasons. First, Barnes's successful media career is founded on his mayerick reputation, the angry chose him in the first place for their club coverage. Only for internationals does he need to make way for somebody who was an automatic first choice an Andrew, an Underwood,

a Moore The second reason why Barnes could painlessly vacate a studio chair is that he wouldn't have to move very far. His double-handed commentary with the enjoyably reliable Miles Harrison may lack the poetry of Bill McLaren but, in terms of it's top notch. Barnes is also the natural first choice for perhaps the main thing lacking from Saturday's build-up, a recorded, set-piece interview with Clive Woodward, the new England coach. Graham Simmons, Sky's roving reporter, did well with a couple of hastily grabbed minutes, but

England's first game under its

new coach needed something

more formal to set the scene. But, if Sky's studio panel needs a bit of gentle retuning. then ITV's needed a serious rethink. Having spent all its money on Carling, his studio guests were Bob Dwyer and Damian Hopley. These are guests for rugby's cognoscenti, not for mass-market terrestrial television. Ironically, the

candidate appeared the other side of the early evening news when Jeremy Guscott presented Gladiators.

Carling himself was fine indeed, the biggest challenge he seemed to face was squeezing those famously arrogant features into something resembling a welcoming smile. Bit more practice and he might actually manage it.

For the match itself, ITV fielded probably the strongest of its commentary teams from the last World Cup, John Taylor and Steve Smith. The pictures were exactly the same as Sky's, except for the fact that its replays didn't make that maddening whoosh" noise.

More than once, Sky had

quickly-taken penalty was dangerously missed, while, in the second, the director seemed to be under the illusion that the ball was immediately "dead" after a missed penalty kick.

But, all in all, it was a good weekend for rugby on television. Sky got its feet under the table at Twickenham, ITV ensured that the next World Cup won't come as quite the culture shock the last did and the BBC showed, if not entirely convincingly with live coverage of the one-sided encounters between Ireland and the Tonga, that there is life after England. It, too, has better

Streets of Dublin paved with qualified optimism and peculiar logic on day of international setbacks

Irish take defeats in their stride

fine, cautious distinction was current everywhere in Dublin on Saturday. "More hopeful than optimistic" was how it went. Very Irish, you might think; but in the circumstances it made good sense. Ireland were playing the All Blacks in the afternoon at Lansdowne Road (chance of winning: nil), with a last-ditch football World Cup qualifier against Bel-gium in Brussels in the evening.

"Judgment Day", the newspapers rather recklessly called it. But only a fool would pin too much on the outcome of a day so obviously loaded against the green-shirted from the start. "Give 'em lackery," exhorted one paper midweek. But, to reflect the real mood, it might have added, in smaller letters, "Or give it a try, anyway.

I was optimistic myself. But that was before I started to read about the Ireland team, and was obliged to fall in with the thumbs-down realists. Because, it turns out sadly, whereas a few years ago Jack Chariton led a stout-hearted team to undreamt-of international honours, things have changed recently, and nobody mentions Macedonia around here unless they're ordering a fruit salad.

The trouble is linked to demography. By some accident of births, deaths and retirements, Mick Mc-Carthy's side is a spatchcock of retirement-ready. battle-scarred gaffers and demoralised babes-inarms, with scarcely an ablebodied, first-team footballer.

Moreover, two weeks previously, in the home leg against Belgium, the boys in green had performed so badly that they had been lucky to escape with 1-1 draw. Luc Nilis wrought havoe, and McCarthy's future as manager

was called into question. "Bring back Jack," a woman at the bus stop said on Friday. "Joe Kinnear's your man," a bloke in O'Neills, a Dublin pub, said

Ethics and

From Mr Nick Bitel

largely ignored.

their inspiration.

Yours faithfully,

NICK BITEL,

: (Chief Executive,

London Marathon).

Formula One

Sir, in all the furore over why

the Government took the deci-

sion to exempt motor racing

from the ban on tobacco

sponsorship the actual deci-

sion seems to have been

Sport is not merely about

employment or foreign earn-

ings. Sport has the ability to

inspire. At its best, sport is the

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: stuff of souls. We have a duty

those who look to sport for

tobacco sponsorship is an

abrogation of this duty.

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before the match on Saturday. Although the bloke was so drunk he couldn't work out how to dismount a bar stool, that sounded rather astute. Nevertheless, come on, you boys

in green. Forget the rugby result. Forget this Nilis chap. This isn't a funeral. Ask yourself, are you really scared of Belgium? Personally, I didn't really understand why Belgium would be such a terrifying opponent, in any case. People don't generally quake at the name. True, Jean-Claude van Damme is a Belgian, but then so was that gentle fellow, René Magritte. Just imagine the Belgians all playing with tubas on their heads. That ought to help, surely.

Going out on the Guinness in Dublin after a rugby international, when 49,000 disgruntled people might have the same idea, would be against my natural instinct ordinarily, so I'm ashamed to say I made Simon Barnes, my colleague at The Times, come with me to

watch the footie on television in



Enthusiastic supporters in Dublin are still able to raise a glass and a smile, despite witnessing defeats for the Ireland rugby union and football teams

O'Neills. This was rather useful as he can quote James Joyce in big

Our position under a staircase started out as a fine observational place, but became more problematical as the evening progressed, and the hundreds drinking Guinness and shouting at the tops of their voices in this heaving, hot pub turned to thousands. We could always see the screen, but the trouble is that, the more you retreat under a staircase, the more you contort your neck and the more you bang your head every

time something exciting happens. And the game really was exciting - far better, by all accounts, than the first leg. Leaving aside Belgium's first goal (too painful),

there was the excitement when the ref didn't give a penalty against ireland (tee-hee); the considerable head-banging burst of joy when Ray Houghton equalised ten minutes into the second half; and then the dubious excitement when the ref gave a throw-in to the wrong bloke, leading to Belgium's second goal in the 68th minute - an elegant, not-to-say-miraculous, back-to-the-goal, over-the-shoul-der chip by Mike Verstraeten that confused Shay Given and left a chance for Nilis to score again.

At this point, the reaction of the drinkers diverged from expectation, becoming oddly familiar from Irish beer commercials. Because, for heaven's sake, like the Murphy's, at 2-1 down, they

weren't bitter. "No, this is good, Belgium's goal is good for us," a bloke to our left reasoned. "It will make us score again, and then we'll win." He and his mates were having a seminar about the awaygoals rule and how it was now in their favour.

ports fans do this the world over - explain the scoring to each other. It's sweet. On Saturday night. of course, the aggregate system needed thinking about, because a Belgium goal was now worth less than an Ireland goal. Aha. Right. So, in a funny sort of way, by scoring that second goal taking the lead), Belgium had virtually handed the game over to

From Mr Robert Lefroy

True professionals would

football and use blockers to

take the opposition out, ensur-

Business Money Publications.

macher, the former West Ger-

man goalkeeper, who com-

mitted the most horrendous foul on Patric Battiston in the

World Cup semi-final in Se-ville in 1982 to prevent France

reaching the final, but was not

even shown a vellow card, let

alone a red one? Was that also

academies to be created by

Premiership clubs will pre-

untroubled run to the line.

Yours faithfully

Strode House,

Street, Somerset,

From Mr David Eves

ROBERT LEFROY

planning.

Ireland. I chipped in at this point. "And the thing is, the Belgians can't score again in Ireland, can they?" "Well," he said, "only on their holidays, but that wouldn't

Sadly, Belgium's kind-hearted strategy failed in the end, and Ireland did not give them any further lackery to speak of. Even when David Connolly was sent off, and Simon reasonably asserted. "down to ten men: that will make them do it", the Irish players failed to take their cue, and suddenly it was all over. The dream had died. and all that.

Faise dawns had given way to black days. Another pint, Simon? Do that James Joyce thing again. Remind me how you get off this

bar stool. All that. Naturally, one was very sad (and a bit drunk), although I couldn't help thinking of a bloke who told me, in apparent seriousness, that qualifying for the World Cup would just bring a lot of tension to next summer, you know?

That's a novel way of looking at Saturday, I got the feeling the Irish were fed up with this World Cup already, and weren't unhappy to be spared the extra misery of competing in the finals. Another two years, however, and they'll be ready to try to qualify for the 2000 European championship. Let's just hope that Ireland's own ver-sion of McCarthyism doesn't witch-hunt McCarthy before then.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Blowing the whistle on Premiership referees

Yours faithfully, IAIN OUICK. Brook Cottage, Pork Lane, Gt Holland.

From Mr Philip Baker

to the bottom line but also to years ago that Formula One, the supposed pinnacle of the Sport should stand up clearsport, had ceased to be a sport ly and say that accepting at all, but what saddens me now is that it can no longer be bothered to pretend. Yours faithfully. PHILIP BAKER.

Addlestone.

office@mbg.co.uk From Mr Iain Quick Sir. Jacques Villeneuve, within seconds of a World Championship and with numerous wins, makes way for another driver to win his first grand

prix race. ture, tactically wise? Not a bit the Formula One authorities Sporting, considerate, maof it. That he was alleged to completely to ban radio com-

have been ordered to do so by his team brings your oppro-brium heaped upon him, them and the Formula One organisers.

Am I missing something?

Sir. A lifelong enthusiast for motor sport in most of its guises, I have been following the unfolding of the Schumacher debade with growing

It became apparent many 19 Marley Close,

Surrey. Prom Mr Robin Beare Sir, The likelihood of collusion between Formula One Teams and their drivers, together seeking to fix the result of a grand prix race (Report, Nov-ember 10), would be much reduced if not eliminated were From Mr W. Benjamin

Sir, I read Lynne Truss's articles on referees (November 1 and 3) with interest but 1 am afraid that I disagree with her conclusions.

When did she last see a football match which was not marred in some way or other by the decisions of the officials in charge? Frank Leboeuf was a little nearer the mark (November I) but I do not think things will or can improve until all the Premiership managers get together and insist that offending referees are charged by the FA with bringing the game into disrepute — for that is what they are doing. especially when a game is televised and their incompetence, inconsistency and in some cases apparent bias are there for all to see.

Referees should have to justify their decisora: in front of a panel consisting of representatives from the FA management and players and, ii the match was televised, then in front of the

Alternatively, if a free-for-all

frequency were adopted, open

to all drivers, pits and the

general public, then a serious

handicap could be imposed on

a driver convicted of misbe-

haviour: his helmet (and car)

could be certified by the stew-

ards as being without any

means of radio reception and

transmission.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN BEARE,

Scraggs Farm,

viewing public. Only when referees can be seen to be consistent and unbiased will they get the respect that they keep on talking about. Yours faithfully, W BENJAMIN,

Bramford Court, High Street, Southgate,

From Mr R. Granville

Sir, In Michael Henderson's report of the Bolton-Liverpool game, he refers to referees as having to do their job "for petrol money and a shandy". In fact, Premiership referees get £375 a match plus travel and food expenses. So for an afternoon's work they receive as much as many people in this country receive for working all week.

Yours sincerely, R GRANVILLE.

76 Compton Road, Hayes, Middlesex.

munication between a driver From Mrs Sy'via Disley and his pit. It would also make Sir, I was interested to read

Mrs Jan Hartshorn's comments (Sports Letters, November 10) describing Michael Schumacher' courtesy and politeness when dealing with waiters in the hotel where she worked. However, those waiters should remember that they

were not trying to overtake

Schumacher in a Formula One race. Yours faithfully, SYLVIA DISLEY, Hampton House, Upper Sunbury Road, Hampton, Middlesex.

From Mr David Simpson

Sir, The sooner the pit lane circus that passes as Formula One carries out its threat to disappear to the Far East in a cloud of tyre and cigarette smoke the better for motor

Cheating on the track and Jersey, Channel Islands. fixing the results are incom-patible with the concepts of fair play and integrity which legitimise sporting achievement. DAVID SIMPSON.

10 Ruscombe Gardens,

Datchet,

Berkshire.

Football academies From Mr Geoffrey Carver Sir, The Professional Association of Teachers is seriously concerned that the football

an "accident"?

Yours faithfully,

DAVID EVES.

Green Street, St Helier,

letters@the-times.co.uk vent pupils from playing football for their school teams, Sir, Ferrari did not deserve the seriously damaging inter-1997 championship as it demschool sports. The amount of onstrated a lamentable lack of

training and travelling time

e-mail to:

effect on their education. follow the lead of American Education should not, and must not, take second place to apparent attempts by some ing that Schumacher had an wealthy clubs to secure talent for themselves. Few of the pupils selected will make it as professionals. Those who do not will have their education disrupted and could miss out

on important qualifications. Yours faithfully, Sir. Is Michael Schumacher related to Harald Schu-

GEOFFREY CARVER, (PAT Senior Professional Officer), 2 St James' Court. Friar Gate, Derby.

Albatross award

From Mr M. Molony Sir, Is there is an honour bestowed on golfers obtaining an albatross? I know of the Hole-In-One Society and the Ferret Club but not of an Albatross Club. Recently a junior member at my club, Leatherhead, shot a two at our first hole - par five - and incidentally shot a three on our loth - par five. Yours faithfully, M. MOLONY,

18 Carew Court.

Sutton, Surrey.

Basinghall Gardens.

This week in THETIMES



Tomorrow

Martina Hingis aims to finish the tennis year in style at the Chase Championship. Alix Ramsay reports from New York.

Wednesday

Having beaten Leicester and Sheffield Wednesday Grimsby continue their Coca-Cola Cup campaign at Liverpool,

■ Thursday Which of six short-listed

sports books will win the William Hill award for 1997?

■ Saturday

Football Saturday: the Premiership match-bymatch, Oliver Holt, Steve McManaman and Danny Baker.



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No firm favourites as 14 teams tee off at La Manga

THE DIVERSITY of the winning teams in the regional final series of the leading corporate golf tournament in the British Isles knocked the stuffing out of the Orwellian assertion that all are created equal, but some are more equal than others.

A total of 1.404 amateur golfers entered The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge, Representing 351 reams, they took part in the 14-event qualifying competition for the right to play in the national final, in Spain this

When they step on to the first tee on the South Course at La Manga on Thursday for the first of two rounds, it will not matter if they are representing small, local firms or huge, multinational concerns.

The Challenge is designed to be all things to all corporate entities. If the regional finals are an indicator, that aim was realised brilliantly last month.

For instance, the Northern England regional final at Staley Hall early in October was won by Derry Land-scapes and Garden Design. Leeds-based water garden designers and builders. Not even Peter Jepson, the firm's owner and captain of its team, would claim that his company was in the same financial league as Citibank, the New York-based banking giant, who won the Central Home Counties event at Duke's Dene. But. when the going gets tough in La Manga, global status will count for nothing.

Therein, perhaps, lies one of the enduring charms of this competition and within it, too. one of the great strengths of the game itself. In golf, all truly are equal.

In no other game can the rabbit give the tiger a decent



match, thanks to the wonders of the handicap system. At La Manga there will be 24-handicappers and low single-figure men, and the modest performer is just as likely to be a member of the winning team

as the highly talented one. The handicap allowance for the Challenge was changed this year from seven-eighths to three-quarters of handicap. This has produced closer finishes and made scores tougher to acquire as well as ending the anomalous granting of two shots on certain holes to highhandican players. This was a good, positive step; the competition is the better for it.

The practice of putting the four players in each ream out



East Midlands: Orchard Toys lorth England: Derry Lands iorth West: Anglo Holt Construction Males and South West: De Management Lid Nest Midlands: West

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was also abandoned in favour of splitting teams into two twoballs who played with two players from other teams. The main reason for the change was to put the scores of each team above suspicion because players' scores would be recorded by the opposition.

There was another, unexpected, but nonetheless wel-come, spin-off from that simple move. More than 90 per cent of the players welcomed the change, not only for obvious reasons, but also because the feeling was that the split forced each player to concentrate even more on his

There could be no let-up when you do not know what your team-mates scored on a ven hole, it makes you think that little bit harder, stretches your own resolve by another notch. It was another improvement; the change is sure to become a permanent feature of the competition.

The Challenge has set a standard during the past five years to which others aspire, and part of that standard lies in the quality of the regional final venues. Some of the finest courses in the British Isles were visited, including, for the first time, the K Club, near Dublin, which is sure to be among the frontrunners to be the chosen venue when the Ryder Cup goes to Ireland in

Only one of the magnificent 14 teams will be making a return visit to La Manga: two members of the Drakes Group team, winners at Brocket Hall, represented the company there in 1995. Their small local knowledge will be a potent

Or, perhaps, no use at all. They have a chance to be more equal than the others — only



The Ireland regional final was held at the K Club, near Dublin, a possible venue for the Ryder Cup in 2005



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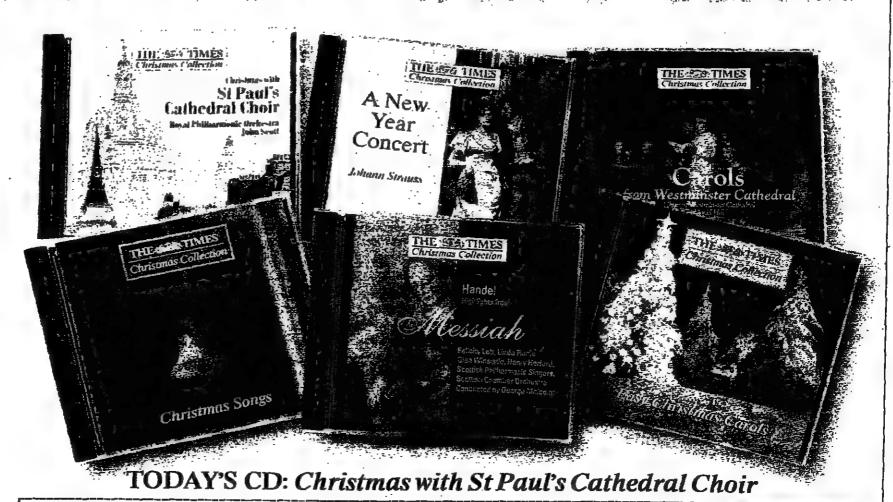
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RACING: JOCKEY BREAKS WRIST 24 HOURS AFTER RIDING SENOR EL BETRUTTI TO FAMOUS VICTORY Osborne falls foul of Murphy's Law

RACING CORRESPONDENT

HERO one day, fall guy the next. Just 24 hours after Jamie Osborne had partnered Senor El Betrutti to a 33-1 giantkilling success in the Murphy's Gold Cup, the jockey ended up in Cheltenham Gen-Revised L eral Hospital yesterday with a broken left wrist.

The injury came when he was unseated by Space Truck-er four fences from home in the Mitsubishi Shogun November Novices' Chase and is likely to put the rider, 30, out

of action for at least a month. With 16 winners under his belt already this season, Osborne has been riding as stylishly and effectively as ever. Now he must sit and

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Native Shore (12.50 Leicester)

Native Shore has been placed to perfection by Charlie Mann and he looks to have found another ideal opportunity for his improving mare in the opener at Leicester. She can complete a four times:

Next Best: Potter's Gale (2.20 Leicester)

suffer during a formative period of the National Hunt calendar. No words - or music - will soften the blow,

I mention music because, in a notable break with tradition, Cheltenham yesterday adopted racing's equivalent of music while you work. Before each race, "mood music" was played to spectators in the shape of Overture and a Prisoner of the Crusades (From Chains to Freedom).

Having consulted the necessary form book, it appears this particular track came from the film Robin Hood Prince Of Thieves. Perhaps it was intended as a subliminal message to punters about robbing the rich (bookmakers) to give to the poor (themselves). After each race a different

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1.30 SIR EMILE LITTLER CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,843: 2m 51) (5)



Mr Percy, ridden by Philip Hide, holds a decisive advantage at the last in the Murphy's Draughtflow Hurdle at Cheltenham yesterday

track accompanied the victorious horses as they entered the winner's enclosure: much more upbeat, even triumphant in tone. And so Tidal Force was greeted by Search For The Hero by M People after winning the opening Lincoln Mild Cigars Gloucestershire CCC Novices' Hurdle. In this case the hero was Richard Durwoody for giving the Philip Hobbs-trained six-year-old

such a cracking ride. Eye Of The Tiger by Survivor boomed out into the evening gloom when Spendid sent punters home happy after the even money favourite had

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RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS

2.10 (3m 110yd holis) 1, Briefie Path (R Garatty, 7-4 J-lav), 2, Palsoc OI Gold (10-1); 3, True Soot (5-1), Maggar Melody 7-4 y-lav 8 ran. NR Bardenos 1%1, 4, 1 Easterby Tole: 52.70; \$1.90, \$2.10, DF: 28.30, \$35; \$15.04

28 30. CSF 215.04 2.45 (3m 11 chi) 1. Mr Multigran (R Durawoody, 1-6 fav), 2. Aak Me Letter (10-1); 3. Beachy Head (16-1), 5 ran 3, 25 N Chanca Tote 21.20; 21.10. £2.00 0F 22.40, CSF 22.88.

3.20 (2m 4f ch) 1, Any Pert (Mr R P McNaly, 5-1); 2, Panch (6-1), 3, Montrave (8-1), Real Toric 3-1 fav 6 ram 6, 71 A Martin, Tote: 66.10; 23.00, 62.70, DF 527.10, CSF 528.41

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3.50 (2m hole) 1. Fen Tenter (A Dobblin, 9-2); 2. Apollo's Daughter (50-1), 3t, Oul On A Promise (13-2); 3t, Sally's Twins (7-2). Best Of All 5-2 tay 10 ran, 2; 51. F. Mutlagh Tota (25.50 Selly's Twins 20.90. DF; 2108.40. Tho: (with Out On A Promise £1.20. Selly's Twins 20.90. DF; 2108.40. Tho: (with Out On A Promise £1.20. Selly's Twins) £39.80 CSF; 2153.55. Thosast: Fen Tener Apollo's Daughter, Out On A Promise £51.87; Fen Tener, Apollo's Daughter, Sally's Twins CS88.23 NR; Common Sound.
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Going: good to firm 12.45 1, Better Offer (8-13 tav): 2. Berlinckennew Fatt (25-1): 3, Scottish Barnibi (5-1), 13 ran.

(5-1), 13 car.
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(10-1); 3, Harmony Hall (11-4) Moon Blass
13-6 iav. 9 ran
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(9-2); 3, Virage Claret (7-2), 5 ran

2.51 1. Winnow

(9-2); 3, Virage Claret (7-2), 5 ran

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2.25 1, Smith Too (4-5 tav); 2, Olympian (7-2); 3, Tour Leader (9-1) 4 ran.

(175), S. Louis George (271) 4 Fabl.
3.00 1, Shining Light (5-4 kay); 2, Mister
Drum (8-4); 3, Crackling Frost (12-1), 4 Fan.
3.35 1 Highly Reputable (3-1), 2.
Rangoluel (3-1); 3, Bietschhom Bard (4-1)
Crandon Boulevard 2-1 lav 5 Fan.

1.05 1, Into The Clan (6-4 tav), 2, Hum 'N' Heav (6-1), 3, Secret Bid (13-8), 5 ran.

Huntingdon

Windsor

Going: good to fam

(£2,404: 2m 4f) (7)

(£2,534: 2m 5f) (6)

overcome some sloppy hurdling to win the finale.

The possibilities are end-

less, although Cheltenham may have missed a trick when The French Furze won the 'Come Greyhound Racing' Juvenile Novices' Hurdle in archetypal Martin Pipe style by making all the running to win comfortably and earn a 25-I quote for the Triumph Hurdle. Instead of an offering by a group calling themselves The Water Boys, I Did It My Way by Frank Sinatra may have been more appropriate for the champion trainer's

83rd success of the season.

2,30 NOVEMBER NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

7-4 (mone. 4-1 Rytine Rock: 5-1 Smokenheeth, 6-1 Jul Pinn, Strim A Light, 8-1 Mary, 33-1 Rich Tycom.

1 29-3 DANCETELYOUGHOP 8 (S) P Michaelis 5-11-5 ... T J Marphy 2 FPP FOR JOSH 12 (S) Min P Townsley 5-11-5 ... Mr P Townsley 3 2-44 PRIMITIVE STREAK 10 R Hodges 5-11-5 ... A T Thomson 4 280- FRING CORBITTS 293 M J Roserts 5-11-5 ... A P Michaely (5) 13P- ROSEVALLEY 205F (F) M Pipe 7-11-5 ... A P Michael 5 13P- ROSEVALLEY 205F (F) M Pipe 7-11-5 ... A P Michael 5 13P- ROSEVALLEY 205F (F) M Pipe 7-11-5 ... A P Michael 5 13P- TOSEVALLEY 205F (F) M Pi

2-1 Rosmalley, 9-4 Cencetillyouting, 3-1 Washing William, 9-1 Promitive Small, Ring Corbids, 20-1 For Josh.

5-4 FM The Bell, 6-4 Interneum, 5-1 Just 10p., 20-7 Maryolo, 25-1 Culcit, Barrong Thums.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 21 winners from 44 numers, 47.7%, Miss M Kinghi, 6 from 16, 37.5%, C Mann, 4 from 15, 26.7%, Mrs J Pigman, 5 from 23, 21.7%; Mrs L Richards, 4 from 19, 21.1%, R Hodges, 14 from 67, 20.9%; R Hosel, 3 from 16, 18.9%; R Rose, 15 from 90, 16.7%, G L Moore, 6 from 37, 16.2%, JOCK2YS: A P McCoy, 24 signess from 72 rises, 33.3%; J R Kasanagh, 12 from 62, 19.4%; T Dascombs, 5 from 27, 18.5%; D O'Sulfivan, 17 from 97, 17.5%, J McCarthy, 3 from 20, 15.0%; L Aspell, 3 from 30, 70.0%.

1.40 1, Phakie Minstrol (7-1), 2, Walk On By (12-1); 3, Kasterise (13-8 tav), 11 ran, 2.15 1, Secret Giff (7-1); 2, Sam Rockett (9-2), 3, Future King (100-30 tav), 11 ran, 12 tavalla, 13 tavalla, 14 tavalla, 2, Assalla

2.50 1. Normatange (8-4 lav), 2. Duballe (11-4); 3. Bo Knows Best (7-2) 4 Ian

8.25 1, Shahrur (6-1); 2. Euro Forum (9-2); 3, Royal Sormlar (2-1 lav) 11 can NA Hisar, Speedy Snaps Pride

4.00 1, Snowy Petrel (8-1); 2, Gold Lance (7-1); 3, Hall Hoo Yeroom (4-1 (1-fav), Maggle Straft 4-1 (1-fav, 12 ran

7.30 1, Montecristo (5-6 tav); 2, Borne Ville (9-1), 3, Hippios (50-1) 9 ran.

(a-1), a. repulses (ab-1) 9 res. 8.00 1, Foreing Bid (12-1), 2, Eastern Prophets: (16-1), 3, Mr Bergerec (5-1) Sr Joey 2-1 tav. 13 ran 8.30 1, Farmost (11-4 tav); 2, Northam Angel (9-2); 3, Chewit (4-1), 13 ran,

9.00 1. Rockswein (40-1), 2. Super Gel (8-1); 3. Pro's Addition (7-2). St Lucia 2-1 lav 12 ran. NR: Burnden Days.

9,30 1, Swen Hunter (9-2), 2, Flotico (9-4 lev), 3, Noulari (11-2), 11 ran, NR: Peroskin

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Southwelt: 12.10 A: Reet, Ceta's Rambow, 12.40 B Nido, 1.40 Tamburetto, 2.40 Finneth Ginger 3.40 Alwarda, Heubach Boy Leteaster: 12.50 Mass Blues Singer 1.20 Alimerjam, Plumpton; 1.00 Nordic Sprae

SPECIALISTS

SOUTHWELL: Trainers: M Prescott, 23 winners from 103 runners. 22.3%; M Johnston, 53 trom 249, 21.3%; D Murray Johnston, 53 trom 29. 21.3%; D Murray 15 20.0%, Lord Huntingdon, 17 from 87, 19.9%; W Hegges, 7 from 36, 19.4%; P Hents, 4 from 22, 18.2%, Jockeys: Kmberiey Hart, 6 winners from 31 riches, 25.8%, D Biggs 24 from 127, 18.3%, G Parlan, 9 from 49, 18.4%; D Sweeney, 10 from 68, 15.2%, C Lowther, 4 from 28, 14.3%, Jo Huntari, 4 from 29, 13.6%; F Lynch, 20 from 151, 13.2%

Wolverhampton

3.30 PEASE POTTAGE HOVICES HURDLE

3.00 AUTUMN MAIDEN CHASE

Just what the National Hunt diehards will make of all this is unclear although Edward Gillespie, managing director at Cheltenham, was encouraged. With tongue firmly in cheek, he said:

"Traditionalists are already

looking sour -- which means it is a good idea."

He added: "This initiative was decided after discussions with our sponsors to make today feel different. Friday is the day when people wear their grandparents' suits and Cheltenham is as it used to be. Saturday is up-front racing. Today we are pointing out

how things might be in the

"I am expecting quite a lot of people to be surprised at our musical accompaniment and we will consider introducing it on other appropriate days, like January I, though not at the National Hunt Festival, In the future, I would like the jockeys to choose their favourite tracks from a Cheltenham play list."

In the feature race, the Murphy's Draughtflow Handicap Hurdle, Mr Percy could be called the winner at least two flights from home. Given his form with the likes Shadow Leader

Marello last term, it was not surprising that the Josh Gifford runner was backed down from 20-1 to 14-1 after a good prep race behind Pridwell a week ago.

David Roe, owner of the winner and sponsor of Gifford's Findon yard, bought a horse for £10,000 from Tom Costello three years ago but after a problem had arisen with vets' certificates, because the horse had cataracts. Costello offered him a replacement - in the shape of Mr Percy. I Should Be So Lucky by Kylie Minogue sounds about right.

SOUTHWELL THUNDERER

12.10 Holloway Melody. 12.40 El Nido. 1.10 Falled To Hit. 1.40 Carol Singer. 2.10 Arbenig. 2.40 Keen To Piezse, 3.10 Chempagne Warrior. 3.40 Forzair.

GOING STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

12.10 CHAD STAKES (Div L: £1,944: 1m) (13 runners)

12.40 SENEGAL HANDICAP (DIV I: £1,944: 1m 61) (14)

(Div I: £1,944: 1m 6l) {14}
201 5011 WHITLEY GRANGE BOY 3 (CD,S) J Eyre 4-18-1 (Sect 5) 202 3656 DALWASHOE 118 (B,B) J Wheth 4-9-11 C Lowder (3) 1 203 4046 PHARLY DANCER 164 (CD,S) W Heigh 3-9-6 A Cultima 2 204 0054 ES 60 47 (B) R Beaman 4-9-1 ... W Bastona (3) 3 205 5042 SPICK AND SPAN 3 C Thomas 3-9-11 Dan McKeson 3 206 5042 SPICK AND SPAN 3 C Thomas 3-9-11 Dan McKeson 3 207 0251 00.0 (HLSF WHIG 64 (P) F Restan 4-9-10 L Charmock 7 205 5622 AVANTI BLUE 21 K Machetile 3-9-5 ... J F Egan 4 205 5500 ROYAL CERCLIS 7 (E.S) P Feld 8-8 B Rightes (7) 10 0000 EL MOD 3 (P,CD,F.G.S) 0 Chapman 9-9-1 P Fesser (3) 6 Date Glasson 3 200 MAMERANCI 11 (F,G) 8 Marris 5-10 D Other State 11 (F,G) 8 Marris 5-7-10 D Other 11 3 Down 12 14 0004 TURROLL HOUSE 114.0 White 6 Graph 8 Aren 3 Jun 8-1

3-1 Whitley Graupe Bug, 4-1 Old Hush Wing, 7-1 Spick And South Averte Blue 8-1 Debahlerus Es Go, 10-1 Piterty Dancer 14-1 others.

1.10 CHAD STAKES (Div II: £1,944: 1m) (12) 100 CHAD STAKES (DIV II: £7,944: 1m) (12)
101 0800 SH ROUSH 34 (DLF) D Morts 6-9-3
102 0850 STRAL INVADER 133 (VLF) M Sameters 5-9-0 P P Marphy (3) 7
103 0500 AMESCRUE VERTURE 70 (CD) IS Chapter 7-9-0 C Counter (3) 6
104 0000 DISTANT KINGS 20 Rely 4-9-0 S Frommon (7) 11
105 0230 FALED 10 HT 52 (BLF) A Literation 4-9-0 S Windowsch 12
106 0-03 GROOMS 60LD 14 (F) P home 5-9-0 A Culturan 10
107 1509 MSA-ARRIK 100 (XLD) N Timber 5-9-0 Kindowsch 12
108 0300 MORTHERIN FAN 20 (CD) N Timber 5-9-0 Kindowsch 12
109 030 DEMOCRAT 25 M Pressor 3-9-17 G Defield 9
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101 0000 LANDRA 23J 6 L Morte 5-6-11 S Webster 3
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.40 MOZAMBIQUE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,294: 6f) (15)

2.10 ANGOLA NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £2,843: 61) (8)

2.40 TOGO FILLIES HANDICAP (£2,294. 61) (16)

3.10 ZAMBIA SELLING STAKES (£1,999. 1m 3i) (13) | Company | Comp

3.40 SENEGAL HANDICAP (Div II: £1,944. 1m 6f) (13)

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1 3000 SHAVOR 30 (C) R Hollesbead 6-9-11

2 3351 NEEDWOOD 6FDC 26 (8 CD) 8 (8 cpan 4-9-6

3 1050 GUR MARH MAN 441 (C) 9 Nabes 7-9-6. G Parlan (3) 7

4 0225 LA MENGROUBHN 441 (C) 9 Nabes 7-9-1

5 0323 FORZAR 11 (8FC,F) J 0 Neil 9-8-12

6 NOS GROVEFAR LAD 2 5 Downing 3-8-12

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7 5506 RAMAFORA 26 (B) 9 Lienchyn 5-8-3

8 -025 DRALAR NING 26 (B) 9 Lienchyn 5-8-3

9 0330 HEVBACH BOY 25 (B) 1 Person 3-8-1

10 59-0 KENLLYOUTH DANCER 28 E Cambridge 4-7-12

N Adams 13

17 59-6 CAMARY BLUE 6 3 P High 6-7-10

12 5003 REPROS 2 (B) 5 Dem 3-7-10

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14 Memoritating 1 Serve 7-10 No. 10 No. 10 No. 10 No. 19
YESTERDAY'S DETAILS

Going: good to soft, soft in places 12.20 (2m hole) 1, French holly (A Thurston, 3-1), 2, Ledgendry, Line (1)-4 lay, 3, Mantial (8-1), 19 ran St 41 FMarphy Tate 52.60, Ct 50, Ct 80, Et 80, DF 511 50, Tho 549.50, CSF, 210.47

\$49.50 CSF. \$10.47

1.00 C2m \$4' 100/d oh; 1, Cettilo Grant (R Supple, 5-2); 2. Prime Etample (6-1), 3. Burnt Imp (6-4 tay) 9 ran. 3,41 \(\times\) 1. Lurgo Tote \$3.30; \$1.20 \(\times\) 1. 20.0 \$1.50. \$1 \$0.05 \(\times\) 59 00 Tro: \$2.30; \$2.120 \(\times\) 1. 30. \$25 00 Tro: \$2.50 \(\times\) 59. \$00 Tro: \$2.50 \(\times\) 1. \$10.05 \(\times\) 59. \$00 Tro: \$2.50 \(\times\) 1. \$2 \times\) 1. \$40 \(\times\) 1. \$10 \(\times\) 1. \$10 \(\times\) 1. \$2 \(\times\) 1. \$10 \(\times\

2.05 (2m ch) 1, Monnste Forts (B Powell, 5-1); 2, Political Torker (5-4 (i-les), 3, Chell Minister (5-4 (i-lev), 4 ren 5); 21i, J Action Total 15:40, DF 14:29 CSF 110:83

Total 15.40. OF 12.27 CSF 210.05 2.40 (2m 4t hote) 1, Globe Rumer (L Cooper, 5-2 text); 2, Lintarten (7-1), 3. Rossel (25-1) 10 ran 4, 7. JJ O'Ned Tote 53.20, 61.60, 62.20, 62.10 DF 511.60 Tion 5181.70 CSF, C18.89 Tricket 5332.61

13 15 (2m 4l cn) 1, Solsyith (A Dobbin, 12-1), 2, Brogdwater Boy (12-1), 3, Jymem Johnny (13-2), Chipped Ou 7-4 lav 9 ran NR Teejay/narch 3l, 30l J Barday Toter 21 40 64.50, 65.00, 61.80 DF 648.40 CSF, 5129.62 Treast, 5936.59

CSF. C129.62, Tincact. 5936.59
3.50 (2m flat) 1, Sillymore (I Jardine 16-1).
2, Amhach (9-1); 3, To-Day To-Day (9-2).
Peoper Pot Boy 2-1 faw. 16 ran 61, 71 P
Mornoth Tote 114.80, 52.30, 52.30, 52.80
DF. C33.50 Tino £173.40, CSF-£154.77
Placepot £1,189.40. Ottadpot £547.30.

Cheltenham

Going: good 1.10 (2m 51 holle) 1, Tidal Force (R Durwoody 4-1), 2, Song Of The Sword (4-1): 3, Prospero (14-1) Bramblehii Duke 16-8 lev. 8 ran. '4, 2h.), PHobbs. Tote, 53 70: 51 30, 51 60, 53 30. DF 55.70 CSF. £16 60 ELSO, 21 60, 13:20. DF \$5.70 CSF, £16:60 1.40 (2m 110yd hole) 1. The French Furze (A P McCoy, 7:2): 2 keeping The Faith [5:2 (a4): 3, Kibride Lad [7:2): 10 ran, 14, 21 M Pipe Tote: £4:00, £1:70, £1:50, £1:90. DF, 55.30 Th 55.30 (not 56 at Care 11 of Species (C Lawellyn, 11-2); 2, Direct Route (11-4), 3, Ashwell Boy (85-40), Space Trucker 2-1 lev (f) 5 ran nik, dist N Timston-Dewes Tote 55.00; 21.70, 21.90 DF; 15.60. CSF

£18 97.

2.50 (2m 110yd hole) 1, Mr Percy (P Histe. 14-1), 2, Cacoupoid (12-1), 3, Kertwid (12-1); 4, Neither-Damp (8-1) Desert Mountain 5-1 law 17 ran. 4, 1/31 J Gildord, Tote £13,70, 52-40, 5300, 52-80, 52-40 Teses 50. Trice £479.80 CSF £152.14 Triceast £1,915.51 3.25 (2m 4) 110yd ch) 1, Marror Mieo #Ferram, 10-1); 2, Perce Unished (3-1); 3, Tell The Nipper (9-4 law) 8 ran 3/94 hd. G Prodromou, Tote: £10-10; £180, £160, £180,

200 42 4.00 (2m 5f Indie) 1, Spendid (R Thornton, ovens tav, Richard Evens's repl), 2, None Surset (7-1): 3, Uncle Doug (6-1), 5 ran, NR Copper Coll 14, 7, 0, Nucholeon Tote £1 90, £1.30, £2 50 DF £3.50, CSF; £7 79 Jackpot: not won (pool of \$7,331.58-carried forward to Scuttmell today). Placepot: \$86.60. Quadpot: \$37.70.

Towcester

Going: good, good to solt in places
12.20 (2m St hole) 1 Red Brook (E
Callegnan 5-4 (av) 2, Parrol s Hill 19-41, 3,
Emperor Buck (10-1), 9 ran NR* Sir Prosp
Dist, dist J Jetterson Tone £190 £1.20,
51.10, C2.10, DF £2.20 The £5.60 CSF

\$10. (210. DF £20 into Este CsP 12.50 (2m 5) hole; 1, Christothurch (W McFarland, 16-1) 2, Red Curate (2-1) 3, Crabappie Hill (13-6 fav) 9 ran MP Mavnin Magic 8), 334, 5 Earle Tote £21 80 :23 00 £1 10 £1 50 DF £29 60 Tino £13.80 CSF £36 20 £20 Gm 11 ch) 1, Him D1 Praise (J A McCarthy, 6-1) 2, Carolo's Crusedor (3-1); 3 McCymnoss (11-8 lay) 4 ran 3/4; 101 D Sherretood Tote £8.80. DF £8.30. CSF £20 32 1.85 (3m hole) 1, Esperanza W (P Henley, 10-1); 2, Pamalyn (2-1 tay) 3 Abinger (11-2) 6 ran 9 1.27 M Roberts Tota, £13 10, £3.00. £1.10 £1.30 DF £20.10 CSF £29.32 2.30 (3m 11 ch) 1, Grange Court (D Bndg-

CSF: 529 32
2.30 (2m 11 ch) 1. Grange Count (D Bridgwater, 9-4): 2. See Enough (10-1): 3. Teran Baby (20-1): Robested 11-8 tax 9 ran 33-2
7. 1 Williams: Totic 53-60: 51-90, 52-20, 53-00
53-00: F. 517-00. Tho: 534-90. CSF
525-06
3.05 (2m 61 ch) 1. Coverdale Lans (F Guest, 7-4 lan); 2. Keano (9-4); 3. Clare Man (6-1): 5 ran %1, 1-24. Mrs S Smith Totic 52-70. E1-70, 51-80. DF, 53-90. CSF: 56-13.
3.40 (2m holles 1): Sorring Salter (F): Johnson

2.40 (2m hdle) 1. Spring Saint (R Johnson, 7-1); 2. Now Leaf (9-4); 3, Ross Duncer (9-1) Splender (R Thyrus 2-1 fav. 7 ran 3-1, 7 is Earle Tate 59.70; 53.50, \$1.90, DF-671.20 CSF 523.40

LEICESTER

12.50 Dolce Notte

Timekeeper's top rating: 1.20 COINTOSSER.

1.20 Brecon

1.50 The Whole Hog

2.20 Star Selection 2.50 Herbert Lodge 3.20 Joe Shaw 3.50 Ainsi Bolt II

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

GOING, GOOD TO FIRM (CHASE COURSE), GOOD TO SOFT (HURDLES).

12.50 DESBORDUGH MARES ONLY MOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(\$2,532° 2m 4f 110yd) F17 nunners) Long handscap Peculiathemetal 9-12 Med Bluet Binger 3-8 Lovelain 6-9 Lilly The Published

BETTING 3-1 Nature Show 7-2 Suicturiay 6-1 Pur Winde Niction, Delice Nation 7-1 Honeyard Webb 10-1 Pedatothement, 14-1 Sylvatia 16-1 chemi 1996 GUSTBRADG DAWY 6-11-13 S NACHOR (16-1) T Keday 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

Flumpion Cm. 41 good to firm, Sister Rosze 5/44 5m or 10 for Swentime in handleage higher at Good for firm, Sister Rosze 5/44 5m or 10 for Gwentime in handleage charge at Lingfield (3m, good to cot), with from While it Lasts (2m better of) 71 15m. Dole Motte pulled up in newsch write 8 found 2m 10 for 10 NATIVE SHORE continues to improve and ten complete a four-limit

1.20 JUNIOR SELLING HURDLE (£2.024 2m) (15 runners)

BETTING, 7-2 Composer, 4-1 Bueson 5-1 Abbognado 6-1 Margo Boo 10-1 Code Red Blazer: 325, 15-1

1996 PETER MONANY 4-12-0 A P McCoy (11-8 lbs) M Pipe 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

| Breen 5½! 3rd ol 5 to Carton Verdure in handicap hurdle at formatic (2m 2/110yd, good), Courtosses 5½! last ol 3 to Almapa in handicap hurdle at Taurilen (2m 1/1 imm). Code Red 3£! 3rd ol 8 to Estimo Kitas in navice selling handicap hurdle at Southeell (2m 1/1 imm). Code Red 3£! 3rd ol 8 to Estimo Kitas in navice selling handicap hurdle at Southeell (2m 1/1 1/10yd, good) to South of 19 to Indiana Pruncess in mariten hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1/1 1/10yd, good) with Krisenik (same terms) putted up Margil Bots of 2rd ol 8 to Saits Legard in selling hurdle at Towcester (2m good) ostil with Krisenik (same terms) 231 4th Allmerjam a distance 4th of 5 to Soltysan in hurdle at Chepitow (2m 110yd good).

BRECON, hesh from a good run on the Flat, appeals despite his big weight

1.50 midland Handicap Chase (£3,096 2m 7f 110yd) (3 tunners) WETTING: 5-4 James hitters. 7-4 The Whole Hon. 11-4 Abstract Hear 1998: RAPERAL VOITAGE 6-12-0 N Wilhamson (5-4 tay) Miss V Yhliams 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

Jammy O'Dea beal Overtiowing River 51 in 11-runner handicap chase at Sadgelield (3m 31, good), previously 91 2nd of 6 to Douglago in fandicap chase at Uttowater (3m 21, good to (am) The Whole Hog a distance 4th of 9 to Coole Hill in handicap chase at Matick Rasen (3m 11, good to (am) previously 241 3rd of 6 to Portinine Courte is handicap chase at Towiceser (3m 11, good to (art) Alaskan Hele 21/41 2nd of 4 to The Proms in novice chase at Heledock (3m, good), previously 361 5th of 6 to Wol No Gin in house handicap chase at Uttowater (2m 51, good to film) JIMMY O'DEA is taken to give the weight to The Whole Hop

Z.ZU THORPE SATCHVILLE HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,475 2m) (5 runners 1 101215- STAR SELECTION 38F (D.S.) (7 Matchell) J Matche 6-12-0 F Matchell 11224-1 POTTER'S GALE 6 (CD.9.5) (1 Page) D Nicholson 6-11-12 A Magnare 124 G 12234- NEW IRM 28F (D.F.) (1 Several) S Gollogs 6-11-11 M A Pitogradic 123 T3237- MED DAY CHASER 302 (D.F.0.8) (Towarn Racing) P 5 Webber 5-10-6 - 125 415- MiGHT DANCE 24F (G) (RMAOA) N. Mangan 5-10-6 A S Smith 140 BETTINS- 11-10 Policy's Gale 7-2 Star Selection 9-2 Med Day Chasta, 7-1 New Inn 8-1 Night Dance

1996 NAHPI 5-10-11 T Eley (7-2) J Miche 6 ras

FORM FOCUS

Star Selection 7/1 5th of 19 to Dreams End in grade IR handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m good to firm). Potter's Galle beat World Express 29/1 in 7-namer franciscap hurdle at Chepslow (2m 110yd, good to soft). New inn 29/1 in to 6 to Soldingo in handicap hurdle at Harvalch (2m, good). Bite Day Chaser beat Total Joy 10 in 10-namer median hurdle at Harvalch (2m) good is sort; Night Dence beaten a distance 5th of 5 to 5th Rage in handicap handle at Catench (2m, good to soil) previously beat Toty Brown 3/1 in 19-nomer notice hurdle at Market Rasen (2m, 1/1 10yd, good). POTTER'S BALE can dely a nice in the handicap for her Chepstow victory

2.50 LEICESTER NOVICES CHASE (£3,236. 2m 1t) (8 runners)

1 2US-21F HERBERT LODGE 16 (F.B.S.) (New H. Duffey) F. Bulley S-11-5
O4-5 RAPCÚ 31 (Wilstond Racing Incorporated) C Blook 5-10-12 G Bradity 4 MR CELEBRATION 201 (M Bodsington) N Geoles 6-10-12 C Liennilly -1995; SIGNA RUN 7-10-12 it Johnson (7-4) J Edwards 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

Herbert Lodge tell in novice chase at Ascel (2m 3) 110yd good) periodicity beat Moobarks 21 in 7-numer nonce chase at Hundingdon (2m 4) 110yd good) Kapco 1915th of 10 to Brownes Hill Lad in novice hardle at Hereford (2m 1) good) MC celebration beaten a distance 4th of 5 to Colonel Blazer in novice hundle at Erefer (2m 2), good to firm) HERBERT LODGE does not respire majorium confidence but should win

3.20 STOUBHTON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,616: 2m) (13 numbers) SIDURATION NOVICES HURBLE (2.,016° 2m) (13 numers) BERORHALLOW 9 (Riss) Februs, 5 Chrest) Mrs. 8 (Varing 4:0-12° E Byrne 80° CARALLIS 270° (Calamen Roung) Mrs. 3 (Puran 4:0-12° R Farmati 22° CILL 06° SAC 12° G Mones 8 (4 Spence) 5 Brookshim 6:10-12° S Wyrne 113° A3C-93 (BESY GEOF 21° G Hubbrad) 6 Hubbred 6:10-12° AM Magnice 9 (MR) MRS 118
BETTING 15-9 Cut De Sac, 4-1 July Steer 6-1 Grosy Good Royal Philosophia 7-1 Your Fellow 6-1 Chart 1996: DARAYDAN 4-10-12 A P McCoy (4-9 test M Pipe 9 mg

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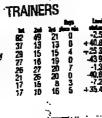


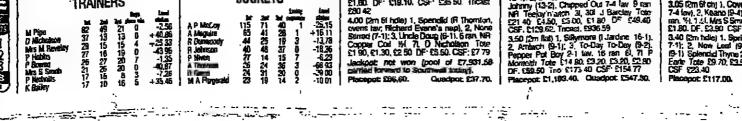
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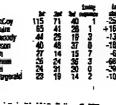








LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS





"Now all I want is a single board and a wide open mountain" — Victoria Walker discovers snowboardin





Regular or goofy? Victoria Walker stands on the board (which she describes as a "small ironing board") at a 90 degree angle to the front. The leading leg is the one closest to the front. Left-footed riders are called regular and right-footed, goofy

It simply takes great attitude

nowboarding takes at-titude. With his fashionable sideburns and neatly trimmed goatee, my instructor at the Tamworth Snowdome, John Sewell, oozed it. He advocated it, too: "The main thing is a positive attitude. It will not work for you if you are tense. You must have confidence in yourself."

This wasn't just bravado. Like surfing or skiing, the key to success is balance. Good posture is paramount, if you are tense and lean too far forward or too far back (in the mistaken belief that the closer you get to the ground, the less

Snowboards are about a between your chest and nose. what he expected me to do.

Longer boards tend to be harder to manoeuvre for novices. Unlike a skier, the snowboard rider stands on the board at a 90 degree angle to the front. The leading leg is the one closest to the front of the board. Left-footed people are called regular and, for reasons quite beyond me, right-footed riders are called goofy. (I feel a little sensitive about these terms and am not saying if I am right or left-footed.)

Curiously enough, before standing me on what I thought resembled a small ironing board. Sewell informed me that my first lesson was to involve some role reversal ing him down the slope. After my initial surprise, I saw that foot across, and when stood on he wanted me to walk with end should reach somewhere him so that I could clearly see



Holding on to Sewell's hands, I walked in front of him as he demonstrated how to catch and release the toe edge is called a side-slip. The board remains square to the slope, with the rider facing downhill. Sewell then repeated this exercise facing up the slope and digging with his heel edge. Although this felt a little strange initially, it was quite an easy technique to master, simply involving raising toes

The second task i was to learn was the aptly named "falling-leaf". The descent of the slope by the rider is similar to that of an autumn leaf as it falls from a tree and glides to the ground in a gentle zigzag pattern. Traversing the slope with pressure on either my toe or heel edge I made my hesitant, slow way back and forth down the hill.

The wonderful thing was that after only ten minutes I was. effectively. Snow boarding. Novice skiers must endure days on end of mastering technical skills such as the "snowplough" before graduating on to "parallels". But you

can't do snowploughs on a single board. So although there is much to learn and leading boarders can perform breathtaking feats, it did not seem to me as technically demanding as skiing.

Sewell then taught me how to traverse the breadth of the 30-metre slope before gently nudging me into a "straight"

— facing directly downhill rather than meandering from side-to-side. In the sport's organic terminology these tech-niques are linked to form "garlands"

After an hour-long lesson i would be wrong to say that I could snowboard - I had still aster turns, for exampl but I felt I was well on the way. Skiing, I have decided, is for foo-foos. For me, all I want is a single board and a wide open mountain. It appears I am not alone with such sentiments. "I will never go back to skiing, said Drew Roberts, 22, who has been snowboarding for almost three years.

Simon Smith is 25 and has been skiing for ten years. Two months ago he tried snow-boarding for the first time and is hooked. "I found it quite easy to make the change from skiing to boarding," he said. "I was getting bored with skiing

BY IVO TENNANT

for young people. The Board X Festival 97, held in Battersea

Park over the last three days

and sponsored by The Times.

attracted around 10,000 spec-

tators. Many were novices who progress, in due course, on to the ski slopes.

It is more than 15 years since

a bunch of surfers from Cali-

fornia took their boards up a

mountain and reckoned that

coming down on them was more fun than sitting on a tea tray. Hence snowboarding

was born. This has progressed to the point at which it will be

included in the next Winter

Olympics in Japan. Skate-

boarding is another matter.

Indeed, there is no particular desire to have it classified as a

There are obvious similar-

ities. Snowboarding is visible

on mountain slopes all over

the world: it is estimated that by the turn of the century there

will be as many boarders as

skiers. Some ski resorts do not

permit them, owing to a

perception that the activity is

dangerous, but most of the

participants, those in the 18-26

age range, do not concern themselves with that.

recognised sport at all.



For the learner, snowboarding is not as demanding as skiing

and wanted to try something

One of the most surprising things about snowboarding is just how civilised the kit is. The board is easy to carry. After having proved myself a

Skateboarders aiming

higher and higher

menace to pedestrians every time i carried skis, this was a joy to discover. Carrying one plank instead of two made a world of difference, and because it was shorter. I found I could hook it under my arm

a rolled-up copy of The Times The boots, too, bear more

just like a commuter carrying

resemblance to my favourite pair of walking boots than the hard and inflexible ski-boot. Padded, warm, with a wellmarked tread and lace-ups. the boots clip into fixings attached to the board. I found I was comfortable walking both on snow and indoors with none of the ridiculous slowmotion "moonwalking" that ski-boots impose.

the clothing should keep you warm and dry, so gloves, waterroci, paddec irou sers and jackets are a must. The strength of the snowboarding culture means that there is a wealth of fashionable gear. Many of the snowboarding labels are leading the way in ski-wear design. The clothing I wore came from Snowboard Asylum, though normal ski-gear is also fine for snowboarding. Salo-pettes with reinforced knees and bottoms are a good idea because they tend to get more wear and tear. Many snowboarders also like to wear longer jackets to ensure their bottoms stay warm and dry.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Deception is one of the hardest parts of the game, particularly when defending, as there is always the risk that partner will be more misled than declarer. One of the best times to try to mislead declarer is when you have all of the defensive assets. Today's hand is taken from a new book, Expert Defence, by Raymond Brock, a follow-on from his earlier Step by Step: Planning the

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Contract: Three No-Triangs by South. Lead: five of speci This deal occurred in the final

of the 1995 World Junior Championship. The British declarer in the Closed Room played in Four Hearts. He lost two top spades and a spade ruff and then had no reason not to take the heart finesse, and thus went one down. In the Open Room the New

Zealanders reached Three No-Trumps and it looked to the VuGraph audience that the declarer would have to suc-ceed. With the defenders threatening to take four spade tricks as soon as they got the lead he would have no option but to play both his long suits from the top and when the king of hearts dropped he would have ten tricks.

However, Justin Hackett found the excellent opening lead of the five of spades (systemically fourth best). As that was the lowest spade

outstanding, declarer thought that the spades were breaking 4-3. In which case he had a much better play for his game and that is what he tried. He played the queen of hearts,

expecting it to hold the trick. Then he would revert to clubs. As long as the defence had only three spades to cash he would make his contract whenever clubs were 4-3 or the queen dropped doubleton or the king of hearts was singleton or doubleton. Unfortunately for him Justin won his king of hearts and cashed four spade tricks.

☐ Expert Defence is available direct from the publishers, BT Batsford, on 01376 321276, price £9.99 (£1 p&p).

□ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

	KEENE on CHESS
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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

True Class
Tournament organisers at the
Wrexham grandmaster international were most fortunate
in attracting the Russian
grandmaster Mark Taimanov
their competition. Consid-True Class

to their competition. Considered one of the great powers of Soviet chess in the 1950s, Taimanov has always excelled in quite sight of the board and in the grand scope of his strategic perception.

Taimanov is still active and a fine game from his hands has all the elegance of a chess masterclass.

White: Eric Van den Doel Black: Mark Taimanov Owens Corning, Wrexham

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Hoogeveen

Another Russian veteran, the 76-year-old former world champion Vassily Smyslov, has also been active, on this occasion in Holland. At the Hoogeveen tournament first place was taken by Sutovski with 4/6, ahead of J Polgar and Van Wely both 3 and Smyslov 2. Although Smyslov found it difficult to compete with players approximately one third his age, he came close to beating Polgar and his performance maintained his current rating of 2480.

□ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

ccording to those who have ridden the "vert ramp" and the street skate course, it is the most difficult of all sports to master. This is not officially recognised and it will never become an Olympic event. Yet for an exacting level of technique allied to sheer guts and gumption, skateboarding is regarded by its many participants as the non-pareil. What is often construed as no more than an irritating activity on pavements and footpaths by callow youths is, along with snowboarding, an increasingly attractive sport

A competitor in last week's Board X Festival in London

As with skateboarding. there is an incessant desire to jump higher and higher. Rune Clifberg, from California, who is regarded as one of the best skaters in the world, demonstrated as much indoors when the outdoor competition at Battersea was postponed on Friday and again on Saturday owing to rain.

The popularity is such that courses are being built all over the country. Not the least of the attractions is a link to fashion (markedly casual), music and a relaxed lifestyle and jargon. A skateboard is still relatively cheap, even if a snowboard is not. Skiing, by contrast, is seen by the organisers of the festi-val as an old-fashioned attraction for older people, requiring far too early a start. Steve Bailey, a 23-year-old

from Manchester, graduated from skateboarding to snow-boarding and is a candidate for the British Winter Olympics team in Japan in the new year. "I will have to pay part of my passage to get out there and I reckon it will be a number of years before boarding becomes more popular than skiing," he said. There is no funding as yet and the most I have ever won is £200. I have learned a lot by my mistakes, but the drug is to go on to bigger and bigger jumps all the time"

Don't let a lack of snow hold you back

By VICTORIA WALKER

YOU DO not have to havest in a board, all the gear and an expensive holiday in the Alps or the Rockies to try snow-boarding. Many dry ski slopes offer snowboard lessons and hire out equipment. The British Snowboarding Association (BSA) is the official governing body and bolds details on snowboarding facilities throughout Britain.

Prices vary, but tend to be reasonable. Southampton Ski & Snowboard Centre offers a two-day beginners' course for £40. Experienced riders can use the slope for £6.30 an hour and hire boards for an addi-

At Tamworth Snowdome, where I had my first lesson. you can learn on man-made snow from £22.50 an hour for adults and £17.50 for children (non-members) or £15.75 an hour for adults and £12.25 for children (members). This includes the hire of the board

and boots. Aviemore has expansive ski and snowboard runs and a snowboard school providing instruction and equipment hire. A two-day beginner's package costs £70 and includes board hire, lift passes

and four hours of lessons. If you would prefer to look before you leap and simply watch an experienced rider in action, the Sprite Demo Tour is roaming British ski slopes with sponsored riders ready to offer advice to novices. Entry is free and the next date is at Warmwell, Dorset, on

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

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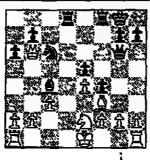
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Answers on page 47

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Miles -Speelman, Islington Open

Black has invested a pawn in an attempt to exploit White's slight lack of development. How did he now make the most of his chances? Solution on page 47



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KUALA LUMPUR: World Team chempion-ships: Pinet England to Canada 3-0 Final overell positions: 1, England; 2, Canada, 3, Auctraka

SWIMMING

LEICESTER: Speedo British Grand Prior Friday: Men: Preestyle 50m: M Foczer (Bath Univ) 22/20sec 200m: A Clayton (Bath Univ) 11mm 49 17sec 1.50m: G Smith (Stockport M 15mm 16 98/sec Breesstroker 100m: J Duchtern (Loughborough Link) 105 69 Backstroker: 50m: A O'Connor (New Rots), tel 25 30sec 200m: A Rudsoccol (Bartingharri, 157 83. Butterfly: 50m: M Foczer (Bath Linin 23 78. 200m: J Huthman (Stockport M) 156 41 Women: Freestyle: 200m: 7 Horner (Stockport M) 200 84 Breeststroke: 50m: J Ying (Bath Univ) 32 85sec

TENNIS

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Y Kateinkov (Russ) 6-4, 6-4 Semi-finals: P
Sampere (US) bt J Bjorfeman (Size) 6-3, 6-4,
Kateinkov bt C Moya (Sp) 7-6, 7-8, 7-3, 6-4, 6-4
Kateinkov bt C Moya (Sp) 7-6, 7-4 Final:
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Caste (Richts) 6-4, 6-4, 1, Woodroffe (Surrey)
to 1, Jetts (Oxon) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; K WarneHolland (Dorse) bt K Cross (Devon) 6-7, 75, 6-4, Semi-finals: Smith to Woodroffe 7-5,
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Holland 7-6, 6-0 Final: Smith to Laumon 6-4, 6-1.

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LAS VEGAS: Lunor USTA challenger tournement Semi-finals: A Agass (US) bit G Stafford (SA) 6-2, 6-5-1, C Vincir (Gorl bit G Grami (US) 7-5, 3-6, 6-3

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NORTH: First division: Bridgington 27 Wilder 38 Broughton Plan 5 Devices for 22 47 West Park Bramhope 3: Stockton (Middlestrough 26; Wigton 24 Hud Ionian

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Striding out: runners in the Bracknell Forest Primary Schools cross country relays, in which 18 schools and 47 teams of six runners took part in boys and girls races over an 800m lap. Julian Goater, the former national cross country champion, based the event on relay races which he feels are the best introduction to competitive athletics. Photograph by Adrian Sharratt.

----- HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LENGUE PREMIES DIVESION: Beford Tigers 1 Old Loughtoniems 1; Beesten 4 Reading 6; Certerbury 4 Teolorigon 6; Essa Grissland 3 Carnota 3; Guidond 0 Soutigale 4; Hoursian 3 Doncaster 4,

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Alex Rippon, one of hundreds of competitors taking part in a bit of cunning running at the British Schools Orienteering Championships yesterday. Photograph: Roy Riley

Orienteering finds its way at school

By Ivo Tennant

IF A treasure hunt with a map and a compass can be called a sport, it is one that will always have an appeal. Nine hundred and fifty schoolchildren, ranging in age from nine to 18, took part in the annual British Schools Orienteering Champion-ships yesterday, testing their wits as much as their speed in an activity that is not known for nothing as cunning running.

Orienteering only took off in Britain in the 1960s and 200 schools now belong to the British Schools Orienteering Association (BSOA) around 50 of which regard it as a prime sport. Indeed, this most healthy, cheap and fulfilling pursuit can now be studied within physical education at GCSE level.

It is also entirely safe; no one is lost for long, even in a dense thicket. Orienteerers will say that they are temporarily unsure of their location

dispiriting experience for young children if they take a wrong turn at the beginning of the course, which is why immense care is taken over the drawing of the maps. Not until a boy or a girl is 13 or 14 is he or she expected to have a reasonable range

of orienteering skills.

The main category in the championships, held this year near Winchester and sponsored by Hampshire County Council and Silva Compasses, was won for the third year running by Ulverston Victoria High School, a comprehensive in Cumbria. The PE teacher, Clare Evans, did not take up orienteering until 1988, and only the following year was it run as an out-of-school event. "It was a case of the blind leading the blind," she said. "That and some bullying.

Girls have taken to orienteering more readily than boys at Ulverston. "The children like the social side."

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Evans said. "They like sleeping in dormitories and making a weekend of an event. Ulverston cuts costs through its pupils bringing sleeping bags and spending a night or two in village halfs. The teachers and any parents who come muck in, too. Each pupil needs to come up with no more than £12 for a two-day trip."

walk or run over 6.2km. "Hitting or throwing a ball is a generic skill," Ned Paul, the editor of Compass Sport, said. "Orienteering looks as if it is not, but at the age of eight it becomes so. A child never loses the ability to handle a map."

Out of L59 schools, only one was from London. Competitors came from as far afield as Scotland, Northern Ireland and, in particular, from within range of the Lake District, one of the most demanding, as well as scenic, orienteering areas in the country. Cannock Chase, in Staffordshire, is also a particularly strong district.

Matt Crane, 16, who is at Walton High School, Stafford, has already taken part in three events in Scandinavia, the cradle of the sport. He finished in 29min 47sec yesterday. "This was an easy course," he said, The first course yesterday, for nine and ten-year-olds, lasted for 1.7km. "but it was still a challenge. You have to keep your brain in gear at the end "but it was still a challenge. You have

but, as you move up the age scales, you become more reliant on physical

Another school that excels is King's. Macclesfield, in Cheshire. Richard Bradfield, 15, who has gone orienteering since he was 11, was attracted in part by the lure of the scenery. "I would go running if it was not so monotonous," he said. "This is sport for all ages, involves faster running and is a mental and physical pursuit rather than just one or the

Frances Stone, the chairman of BSOA, said: "Being part of the national curriculum for junior school children as well as the PE curriculum has given orienteering impetus and growth. A lot of schoolchildren are becoming aware of the sport internationally and hence it is more popular. I see no reason why it should not continue to prow."

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PASSING THE

SIDE THE BUSINESS OF SPORT

Henman cashes in on English good looks and playing skills

So, Tim Henman can earn £60,000 for playing just one

The ATP championships are one of the richest events in tennis, but it is still not bad for a day's work. In his convincing victory over Yevgeni Kalelnikov, Tim was effectively earning £6,000 for every game he played in the two-set match. In contrast, Tim will get just £9,000 for winning the national championships in Telford yesterday.

Tim must make a bit over the whole season

Sure. The latest winnings will bring his total prize-money this year to around £500,000. But this is only around half the amount earned by Greg Rusedski, who has doubled his career earnings in a season. His astonishing climb up the rankings since the US Open final — when he lost to Par Rafter, of Australia — in September has been matched by the £700,000 or so he has earned in prize-money during the past few months.

Sounds like easy money to me; how can you sign up?

The top 50 are the only players to earn really serious money. You need to be in the top 250 to make a living wage from the game, while those ranked beyond 1,000 are making less than \$200 a season in prize-money. So, think twice before

But can't you rake in the cash from off-court activities as

A rough rule of thumb is that players can double their on-court prize-money with sponsorship and other corporate link-ups, so Greg should be on course to make around £2 million next year — providing he retains his good form. At the moment, he has a deal with Nike, worth a relatively pairry £65,000, as well as smaller deals with Wilson rackets. Nextle and Rado. But he has called in Ivan Blumberg, who sorted out the sponsorship side for Jimmy Connors and Stefan Edberg, to take advantage of his new-found earning power. As a top-five player, he will also pick up some extra perks, such as chauffeur-driven itmousines and top-notch hotels wherever he appears in tournaments.

So Tim will not only be Britain's No 2 in ranking terms but also in earning power?

Not necessarily. Tim has used his English good looks to put together a series of sponsorship contracts worthy of anyone in the top five. Tim's endorsement portfolio includes a £7.5 million, long-term deal with Adidas and a £1.5 million contract with Siazenger, which also contains a £2 million bonus clause if he breaks into the top ten. He also has deals with Mercedes and Midland Bank to help to keep him in pocket. Greg's famous grin still cannot quite compete in the sponsorship stakes, although another year of outstanding on-court success should finally close the gap.

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House of Lords

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House of Lords

Whether actions are related

Sarrio SA v Kuwait Investment Authority

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Hope of Craighead, Lord Clyde and Lord [Reasons November 13] Whether actions were related for

the purpose of article 22 of the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil Brussels in 1968 and scheduled to the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 should be determined in a broad common sense mner and no distinction was to be drawn between primary or

The House of Lords gave reasons for allowing, on October 30, un appeal by the defendants, Kuwait Investment Authority, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Brooke) ([1997] I Lloyd's Rep [13], who had allowed an appeal by the plaintiffs. (1996) I Lloyd's Rep 650) and lifted defendants' application for the plaintiffs' action against them to be struck out.

Article 22 of the Brussels Covention provides: "Where re-lated actions are brought in the courts of different contracting states, any court other than the court first seised may, while the actions are pending at first instance, stay its proceedings.

"A court other than the court first seised may also, on the application of one of the parties, decline jurisdiction if the law of

Regina v Hackney London

Borough Council. Ex parte K

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the

Rolls, Lord Justice Aldous and

Section 9 of the Asylum and

Immigration Act 1996 did not apply retrospectively and the com-

ing into force of that Act was not a

new circumstance which a housing

able ground for reconsidering its

earlier decision, under the Hous-

ing Act 1985, to provide accorn-

modation to a homeless asylum

seeker, who was in priority need

The Court of Appeal so held

when granting a renewed applica-

tion for leave to move for judicial review, and granting judicial re-view after a full hearing, of an

and not intentionally homeless.

authority could regard as a reason

(Judgment October 20)

tion of related actions and the court first selsed has jurisdiction over both actions.

"For the purposes of this article, actions are deemed to be related where they are so closely connected that it is expedient to hear and determine them together to avoid the risk of irreconcilable judgments resulting from separate proceedings."

Mr Nicholas Chambers, OC. Andrew Popplewell, QC and Mr Paul Wright for the defen-dants; Mr Peier Goldsmith. QC. Mr Charles Hollander and Mr Adrian Briggs for the plaintiffs.

February 1993 the plaintiffs had claiming that the defendants were liable to them for substantia amounts unpaid under an exercised put option given to them in connection with the sale of their special paper business.

negligent misrepresentations allegedly made during the negotiations for the sale of the business. The defendants had resisted the English proceedings on the ground, inter alia, that they fell ground that if the English and Spanish actions were related then the Spanish court was first seised. The debate had concentrated on

Act does not apply retrospectively

LORD SAVILLE said that in proceedings in Spain est the defendants and others

While those proceedings were pending they had also started English proceedings against the defendants claiming damages for

whether there was a risk of irreconcilable judgments arising from the two sets of proceedings. The Court of Appeal had considered the approach of the European

and Ms Gillian Carrington for the

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that K had arrived in

the United Kingdom in January 1996 and later applied for asylum.

In May 1996 he applied to the council as the local housing au-

thority, for accommodation. The

sion after making the relevant inquiries that it owed him a duty under section 65(2) of Part III of the

Housing Act 1985, provided him

The legal position changed as a consequence of the coming into force of section 9 of the 1996 Act

which made certain categories of asylum seekers ineligible for bene-

fits. The council took the view that

the 1996 Art had removed its

obligation to continue to house K

and gave him notice to quit.

cil, having come to the conclu-

Court of Justice, including the opinion of the Advocate General, in The Maciej Rasaj Case C-406/92 [1995] | Lloyd's Rep 302; sub nom The Tarry (1994) ECR I-5-139) and concluded that the issues that had to be considered in

of irreconcilable judgments were: "The issues of fact or law which have to be decided in order that the court can reach its judgment in the particular case. These can be described as 'primary' issues and they are limited to those facts which are necessary to establish a cause of action ... The court's decisions on these primary issues represent the process of reasoning upon which its judgment is based but they do not include ... other issues of fact which the court may or may not decide and which are not essential to its conclusion in

this way." His Lordship could not accept that article 22 should be interpreted or applied in that way. He could find nothing in the opinion of the Advocate General or the judgment of the European Court in The Maciej Rataj to support the

distinction drawn. The wide words of article 22 militated against the suggested limitation. They were designed to cover a range of circumstances from cases where the matters before the courts were virtually identical, although not falling within article 21, to cases when although that was not the position, the connection was close enough to make it expedient for them to be heard and determined together to avoid the risk in question. Those latter words were re-quired if irreconcilable judgments

into effect of section 9 was a fresh

circumstance which entitled the

council to determine K's right to

occupy the accommodation which

had been provided and to re-consider the matter taking into account section 9 which made him

no longer eligible for the benefits

provided by section 65(2) of the 1985 Act.

His Lordship said that the

important point in regard to the position under the 1985 Act was that the housing authority, having

nder a public law duty to allow a

provided accommodation wa

person in K's position to continue

to occupy that accommodation or alternative accommodation unless

it was reasonable for it to ter-

minate that right to occupation.

reasonable to terminate that right, it would be an error of law to take

In considering whether it was

extended beyond primary or essen-tial issues, so as to exclude actions that, although theoretically capable of giving rise to conflict, were not sufficiently closely connected to make it expedient for them to be heard and determined together.

It had to be borne in mind that article 22 was concerned not with the substantive rights and obligations of the parties but with the ancillary and procedural question as to where in the Community those rights and obligations should be heard and determined. There was nothing in the Convention that suggested that it was in the interests of the Community that litigation on that question should be made more xpensive and time-consuming

than necessary. There should be a broad common sense approach to the question whether actions were related, bearing in mind the objective of article 22, applying the simple wide test set out and refraining from an over-sophisticated analy-

judge's approach. He had decided that the plaintiffs' action should be stayed only in view of the stance then adopted by them. Otherwise he would have declined jurisdiction, since it had seemed clear to him that the Spanish court permitted the consolidation of related actions and that that court had jurisdiction over both actions. The plaintiffs stance had now changed and his order should be altered to one declining jurisdiction. Lord Goff, Lord Lloyd, Lord

Hope and Lord Clyde agreed. Solicitors: Baker & McKenzie; Linklaters & Paines.

Act before the 1996 Act came into

force, the council had decided K

was eligible and that he was

someone to whom it owed a duty.

That situation could not be altered by the coming into force of the 1996

In his Lordship's judgment the council was not entitled to serve

the notice to quit. It did not direct

itself properly in determining to

serve the notice. It took into

account an inappropriate consid-

eration, namely the fact that it thought section 9 of the 1996 Act

Accordingly, his right to occupa-

tion was not terminated lawfully.

In coming to that conclusion his

Lordship disagreed with the de-cision of Mr Justice Carnwath in R

v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Shelter

Appeal against confiscation order

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Siynn of Hadley, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, Lord Steyn and Lord Clyde (Speeches November 13)

A defendant was entitled to appeal to the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, against a confiscation order in respect of his proceeds of drug trafficking made under the provisions of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986, now replaced by the Drug Trafficking Act 1994, iding his acceptance of a prosecution statement under section 3(1) and was entitled to argue that his acceptance had been ed on a mistake of law or fact. The House of Lords allowed an

appeal by the Crown from the Court of Appeal, Criminal Di-vision (Lord Justice Schiemann, Mr Justice Morland and Mr Justice Collins) who on February 16, 1996, on appeals by Brian and Michael Emmett, had quashed confiscation orders made under section 1 of the 1986 Act by Judge E. G. Neville at Exeter Crown Court on October 25, 1995 following their pleas of guilty to being knowing! sion of the prohibition on the importation of a controlled drug contrary to section (70(2) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979.

Mr Paul Garlick, QC and Mr Nigel Lickley for the Crown; Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC and Mr An-thony Wilcken for the Emmetts. LORD STEYN said that on

November 7, 1993, after months of preparation in England and Spain, a group of men had started to unload a cargo of four metric ionnes of cannabis resin.

Customs and Excise officers had arrested them and others engaged in the enterprise. The Emmets had been two of the four principal organisers. The street value of the cannabis had been some £13,000,000. The outlay for the whole operation had probably been of the order of £3,000,000. The Emmens had been sentenced to 125 years imprisonment, re-

duced on appeal to nine years. Under the 1986 Act, the judge had had first to consider whether the accused had benefited from drug trafficking and, if so, to make appropriate confiscation orders. Counsel for the four principal organisers, acting on instructions, had invited him to make agreed

He had said: "It was agreed between counsel [that] the benefits nth Emments amoun £100,000. It was agreed that a dant in the statutory period had been met out of payments received by him in connection with drug trafficking carried on by him.

Section 3 of the 1986 Act provided: "(I) Where — (a) there is tendered ... by the prosecutor a statement as to any matters relevant to the determination whether the defendant has benefited from drug trafficking or to the assess-ment of the value of his proceeds of drug trafficking, and (b) the defendant accepts to any extent any allegation in the statement, the court may, for the purposes of that determination and assessment, treat his acceptance as conclusive of the matters to which it relates."

The Crown rightly accepted that with leave an appeal lay against a confiscation order as part of a sentence but submitted that the general right to appeal had been excluded by section 3(1) in respect of a defendant's acceptance of any allegation in a statement tendered by the prosecution and acted on by the court. "Conclusive" meant ve for all purposes: see R i Tredwen ((1994) 99 Cr App R 154). There was a strong presumption

that except by specific provision the legislature would not exclude a right of appeal. Neither section 3 nor any other part of the 1986 Acr contained any express provisions dealing with appeals to the Court of Appeal Section 3(1) was a procedural provision designed to facilitate proof that a defendant had benefited from drug traffick-ing and to establish what the value

is proceeds had been. in the context, the provision that the court might treat the defendant's acceptance of the prosecu-tion statement as conclusive of the matters to which it related was capable of meaning no more than that the court might treat the acceptance as proof of the matters to which it related. No necessary improlication ousting the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal was

The Court of Appeal nowadays had power to consider an argument that an unequivocal and informed plea of guilty had been induced by a fundamental mistake of law or fact. It was difficult to see what rational basis there could be for excluding such a right of appeal

under section 3(1) of the 1986 Act. The observations in Tredwen J about the meaning and effect of section 3(1) were incorrect.

The question on such appeals would be not what mistake counsel had made but what mistake the defendant had made. The burden on the defendant might not be easily discharged. The focus would be on a material and causatively relevant mistake, and the Court of Appeal might still have to consider whether, absent a material mistake, the confiscation order would nevertheless have been inevitable. If that was the case, the appeal might have to be dismissed on the ground that on a global view no justice could be shown.

His Lordship was satisfied that it had not been established that the Emmetts had agreed to the confiscation orders as a result of a orders had been justified on the evidence.

Lord Goff, Lord Slynn, Lord Nicholls and Lord Clyde agreed. Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs

Effective date of cause of action against insurance broker

Knapp and Another v Eccle-siastical Insurance Group pic and Another

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss Lord Justice Hobbouse and Lord histice Buxton [Judgment October 30]

A cause of action against an insurance broker who negligently advised a client to take out insurance policy which was void-able and which the insurer avoided when the client tried to claim under it arose when the policy premium was paid and not when the insurer avoided the

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the second defendant, David Smith, trading as David Smith Insurance Brokers, against a decision of Sir Perei Webster sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division refusing to strike out an action brought by the plaintiffs, William and Denise Knapp, on the ground that it was

Mr Robert Walker, QC and Mr Adam Tolley for the second defendant: Mr Rupert Jackson, QC and Mr Malcolm Stitcher for the

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE

first suffered damage as a result of the second defendant's alleged breach of duty so as to make that breach octionable. The second defendant submit

that that was on April 12, 1990 The plaintiffs said that it was not until April 4, 1991 when the insurer elected to avoid the policy or alternatively on October 16, 1990 when the fire which lead to the

His Lordship considered the authorities including Pirelli Gen-eral Cable Works Ltd v Oscar Faber & Partners [1983] 2 AC 1), Forster v Outred & Co [1982] 1 WIR 85) and D. W. Moore & Co. [1982] I WIR 85) and D. W. Moore & Co. Ltd v Ferrier ([1988] I WIR 267) and concluded that it could be seen that the cause of action could accrue and the plaintiff had suffered damage once he had acted upon the relevant advice to his detriment and failed to get that to which he was entitled. He was less well off than he would have been if the

defendant had not been negligent.

Applying that to the instance case the plaintiffs paid their renewal premium without getting in return a binding contract of in-demnity from the insurance

They had acted to their detri-

existed from the outset and in the absence of better evidence would have to be evaluated and assessed as a risk and damages awarded accordingly.

On the law as laid down by the House of Lords and the principles on which the Court of Appeal decisions were based, the lirst instance cases of Iron Trade Mutual Insurance Co Ltd v Buckenham Ltd [1990] I All ER 808) and Islander Trucking Ltd v Hogg Robinson & Gardner Mountain (Marine) Ltd (1990) ! All ER 826) were correctly decided and on the facts of the instant case it had to be concluded that the second defendant's alleged neg-ligence became actionable at the suit of the plaintiffs on about April 12, 1990 well outside the six-year limitation period.

The loss which the plaintiffs then suffered was the receipt of a purported cover which was not binding a deficiency of which they were not aware, in return for the payment of the renewal premium. Had it been necessary to do so the court could and should have put a monetary value upon that loss at that time.

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Granada set to shine at top end of forecasts



Charles Allen will be pressed for news of Granada disposals, such as Grosvenor House

GRANADA: The media and leisure group, has a habit of accompanying results with big deals - witness the hostile bid for Forte two years ago. This time, the City wants disposals news, but the message seems to be "Don't hold your

The on-off sale of Grosvenor House in Park Lane, London, seems to have become bogged down at the negotiating table, and a solution to the Savoy conundrum seems as far off as ever. The only hope rests with the £80 million-plus French motorway services business, on which an announcement is rated an "outside chance" by industry observers. Nevertheless, Gerry Robin-

son, the chairman, and Charles Allen, chief executive, will not disappoint. Thursday's full-year results are likely to be at the top end of analysts' £630 million to £650 million forecasts - up from £480 million - bolstered by strong results at Forte and a sturdy television advertising market. Television operations should also be boosted by the acquisition of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees in June, Granada is also expected to claim that the £100 million of profit improvement controversially promised dur-ing the Forte bid has been surpassed by at least 20 per

rise from 13p to about 14.5p.

VODAFONE: The group is likely to consolidate its position as Britain's biggest mobile phone operator in half-year figures tomorrow, Estimates pre-tax profits range from £280 million to £285 million, up from £235 million in last year's first half. The group earlier this year bought several service providers and it has wasted little time in restructuring them, for which a £20 million provision wili be set aside this time. The strongest growth will be in international operations, with their new subscribers up signifi-cantly. The payout is likely to rise, in line with previous

years, by 20 per cent. to 2.83p. BRITISH STEEL: Half-year figures this morning will show the impact of a strong pound. Last year, the group made pre-tax profits of £262 million, but the outcome this time could be anything between £70 million and £120 million.

Sterling's strength will also have accelerated the redundancy programme. Brokers say that up to a quarter of the 40,000 workforce may be involved in the restructuring. Currency drove profits down from a record £1.1 bilCOMPANIES

lion to £451 million last year. NatWest Markets is looking. for £85 million at half way. BZW forecasts £100 million.

Recent speculation has suggested a link-up soon with Preussag Stahl, the German steelmaker, and investment of a further £500 million in a new plant in Indonesia.

In spite of the profits collapse. the group has managed to peg its dividend at 10p. An un-changed interim 3p is forecast.

EMAP: With the succession

now settled, the City can concentrate on Emap's interim figures, out today. These are expected to be encouraging, with NatWest Markets, predicting a jump in pre-tax pro-fits to E628 million, from E50.6 million. This is in spite of the poorly economy in France - where Emap is the secondlargest magazine publisher and the intended chief executive. Kevin Hand, runs things. Consumer publishing is also exciting, with FHM, the men's monthly, leaving the likes of GQ and Loaded in its wake. The outgoing chief executive, Robin Miller, will be questioned about Eman's stance on

IPC, the consumer publisher

unlikely to say much more than it already has, and the feeling is that others may be able to offer more for IPC.

SAFEWAY: Brokers expect disappointing half-year re-sults on Wednesday.

Mike Dennis, of Societé Générale Strauss Turnbull, says that it is almost as if the group has primed the City to expect a dull set of figures. He is looking for pre-tax profits of £235 mil-lion, against £230 million.

Sales growth will have been flat and the chances are that the group may have continued lose market share to J Sainsbury, Tesco and Asda.

Brokers will no doubt want an indication of how Saleway intends to get sales lines moving if a better performance is expected for the second half. However, against last year's dull post-Christmas backdrop, improvement should not be too hard. After the breakdown merger talks with Asda, Safeway will no doubt be required to outline its strategy. The payout should grow by 5 per cent, to 4.6p.

STOREHOUSE: The amual meeting earlier this year was reasonably encouraging on sales growth, but this will have altered after dull trading conditions in August and Sept-ember. Nick Bubb, of SocGen, says that October was better, but that it is unlikely to have let the group make up all the lost ground. He forecasts £39 million interim pre-tax profits on Thursday, midway in a market range of £38 million to £40 million. Last year, the group made £37.5 million. Headline sales growth should,

put up for sale by Reed Elsevier for £800 million. Emap is sive, but, after a contribution sive, but, after a contribution from the Childrens World acquisition is stripped out, the

overall performance will leave much to be desired. Bhs and Mothercare continue to struggle. Mr Bubb says that the market positioning of Bhs continues to cause con-

cern, and Mothercare is losing its share of a flat market. The interim dividend should grow from 3.3p to 3.5p.

UNIGATE: A solid performance is expected in results today. The all-important dairy division will have seen a recovery in margins on last year. and the expanded pig-meat processing activities should make a useful contribution.

Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, forecasts pre-tax profits of about £67 million, up from £60.6 million. The Wincanton transport division is back on track, with new contracts. Steadier pricing in retailing and manufacturing should limit damage to the profit and loss account.

The payout should rise 6 per

NORTHERN FOODS: Henderson Crosthwaite expects pre-tax profits tomorrow up from £57.8 million to £68 million. The market range is between £64 million and £69 million. Henderson says the dairy side should be £5 million up, at £27 million, with lower milk costs boosting doorstep margins. Paribas says the real benefit of the penny put on a pint earlier this year is unlikely to be felt till the second half. The payout will rise: almost 6 per cent, to 3.8p.

MICHAEL CLARK

ECONOMIC . OUTLOOK

Two clues awaited on interest rates

TWO key British statistical rel-eases will this week give further clues on prospects for interest rates in the months shead. Last week's Bank of England Inflation Report left the question of whether rates have now peaked ambiguous but ominously said that the Monetary Policy Committee was not "in

monetary tightening. With continuing strong growth in consumer demand and money supply cited as two of the main reasons behind the recent rise in base rates, this week's figures for retail sales and money supply are key. October's retail sales figures are published on Wednesday. According to the consensus of market forecasts compiled by MMS International, sales are expected to have risen 1.8 per cent, giving year-on-year growth of 5.1 per cent, compared with a drop in sales volumes in September of 1.9 per cent and a year-on-year rate of 3.4 per cent.

October figures for M4 mo-

ney supply are published on Thursday and are expected to show growth in broad money of 0.5 per cent. This would mean the annual rate of growth dipping somewhat to 11.2 per cent from 11.8 per cent in September but this rate is still far too high for comfort within the MPC. The Bank said last week that "money growth must slow if the inflation target is to be met". Also published in Britain this week are October figures for the public sector borrowing requirement as well as the latest monthly trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry. The latter will be keenly watched for signs of any impact of sterling's appreciation on export

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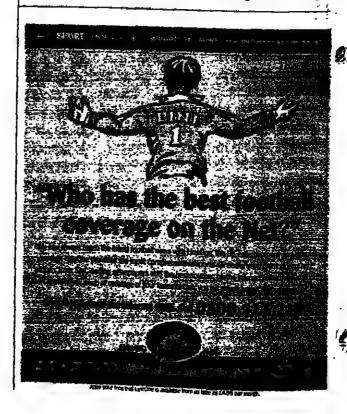
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THE BOARD

Robert (Bob) Wilson, for-merly chief executive of RTZ-CRA, and executive

chairman of the combined

group since January 1997, succeeding Str Derek Birkin. An economist by training, Wilson joined RTZ in 1970 at the age of 26, and has held a wide variety of positions within the company. Aged 54

pany. Aged 54. Wilson's main cohorts in-clude Leon Davis, chief ex-

ecutive, representing the CRA camp, and Chris Bull,

group finance director. Davis joined CRA from school in 1956 as a metallurgical cadet and has worked in Papua New Guinea, and elsewhere in Asia.

Non-executive directors: Raymond Seltz, the former

American Ambassador to the United Kingdom, who is also on the board of British

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The Australian contingent Includes John Uhrig, former chairman of CRA, and

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man, who is chairman of

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Sir Martin Jacomb, chair-man of the audit committee,

s former chairman of BZW

and chairman of the British

Council and Prudential

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Newcomers include Sir Richard Sykes, chairman and chief executive of Glavo

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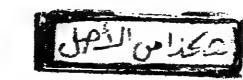
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Ashworth writes). Archie Gooch, who founded the company with Leslie Housego in a loft in 1946, will Employed (SEC) hold shares worth £2.8 million. Price Waterhouse Corporate Finance is adviser to the deal, which will raise 66 million for Gooch & Housego. TRIBAY and value the company at about £17 million. Funds will 100 Apr 2475 in part finance a new factory in Orlando, Florida. E SUNDAY TIPS

Gooch & Housego made a pre-tax profit of £1.43 million (£1.06 million) in the year to September 30, on sales of £6.71 million (£5.95 million).

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sudden fall in the share price. The board, led by Bob Wilson and Leon Davis, has persevered with recrafting a group that is still fundamentally two companies, one with a power base in St James's Square, London; the other in Melbourne.

To many, the world's biggest mining group will always be RTZ, but Rio Tinto is the more appropriate name. It combines the common features of two mining companies that have been linked for years - The Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation and Conzine Riotinto of lf 1996 consolidated the

merger of RTZ-CRA, then 1997 was the year in which to polish this rough offcut into an altogether more alluring gem. To enthusiasts, Rio Tinto conjures up a Boy's Own world, filled with mile-long trains and vast open-pit mines among the biggest manmade workings anywhere. At Grasberg in Irian Jaya in Indonesia, engineers are peeling back the top of a 14,000 ft mountain, contending with hostile atmospheric conditions, including cloud and torrential rain. Tailings laced with copper, gold and silver are channeled to a mill at 9,000 ft and hence by pipeline to the coast ready to be shipped out.

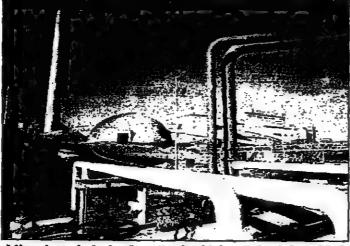
At Diavik in Canada's North-West Territories, engineers are probing one of the world's most exciting new diamond discoveries, secreted beneath a frozen lake. In between are huge opencast workings in America, Chile and Australia and controversial sand-dune excavations near Lake St Lucia in South Africa.

The environmental protesters who stand outside Rio Tinto's London head office chanting "Rio Tinto stinks" and other slogans clearly have a less romantic slant on things. To them, the exploitation of exhaustible natural resources is indefensible, whatever the steps taken to paper over the cracks. Questions are raised about the impact on local communities, both financially, and in terms of their health and wellbeing.

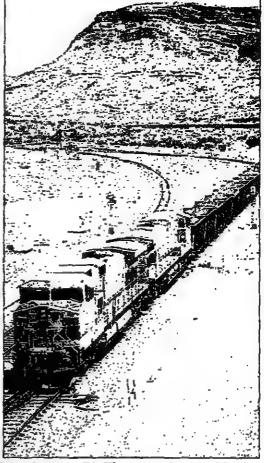
It is hardly surprising that Rio Tinto devotes considerable resources to the ethical/ environmental question. The company is soon to publish a code of business practice, two years in the making, which spells out company policy on

CORPORATE PROFILE: Rio Tinto









Mine giant: clockwise, Leon Davis, chief executive, left, and Bob Wilson, chairman, who are working to integrate Rio Tinto operations worldwide; iron ore being taken to the port of Dampier, stackers and shiploaders at the port of Tanjung Bara; and the copper smelter at Bingham Canyon

community relations, corporate governance and other sensitive topics.

The RIZ Corporation plc and CRA Ltd came together in December 1995 in a dual-listed companies structure, trading in London and Sydney. After 18 months of consolidation, they adopted a common name. while remaining separate legal entities with separate share listings.

Management structure was reorganised, in March, into six product groups, aimed at re-ducing bureaucracy and shortening lines of communication. Three are based in Australia -Comalco (aluminium) in Brisbane; energy in Melbourne (the iong-standing CRA base); and iron ore in Perth. Other operations, including

copper and gold, are driven from London, together with technology and exploration. Key managers have been uprooted and transplanted to new nosts around the world." The leaner structure is already. generating cost savings of up

to \$250 million a year - five times the original forecasts.

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

"The general strategy has not really changed in the last seven years: to secure long-term quality assets across a spread of commodities in a broad spread of countries. Metal markets worldwide are so finely balanced that if you get only a small shift in outlook, as in the Asian currency crists, it does lead to pressure for lower prices." — Chois Lewis, HSBC James Capel

"Investors have probably overreacted to this As

situation. The perception going forward is, let's wait for the dust to settle and look at the whole thing again in the new year." — Peter Devey, Société Générale

"Increasingly profit growth is being driven by the group's investment programms, with significant additional volumes over the next two to three years as new projects come on-atmess."—Anotew Hallins, Dresdner Kleinwart Benson

Rio Tinto inclines to the long term for everything, from share price performance to future returns. Its core strategy is to concentrate on the development of large, long-life mines capable of delivering superior returns to shareholders over many years.

The company has endured a

difficult financial run recently. pegging its interim dividend. then seeing its shares fall off a cliff on the back of the financial crisis in South-East Asia. The shares have fallen by more than a quarter since June, when they peaked at 1,109p. They closed at 755p on

it has yet to be seen whether the Asian turmoil will generate

a ridal wave, triggering recession in South Korea, Japan, China, and, ultimately, the West, or a ripple, intensifying local economic pressures. America, Rio Tinto's most important market, has en-

joyed extraordinarily high

growth for years, and this is expected to continue, even if at a lesser rate. Economic recovery is expected to accelerate in Western Europe, the next most important bloc, while significant growth is expected in China, fuelled by huge infra-

structure projects.

North America and Australia are the most important contributors to earnings, followed by South America, Africa and Indonesia. Technical and operational problems seen in 1996 have been largely ironed out, although Australian coal remains problematic. Rio Tinto is locked in an oldfashioned battle with the unions over operations in the Hunter Valley, north of Sydney, and is in for a long fight. Low productivity and high

costs are among the issues to be addressed. Worldwide interests include Kennecott in Utah, which

encompasses the Bingham Canyon mine, and is America's third largest copper producer. In Canada, iron and sitanium provides pigment feedstock used in paints, coatings, paper and plastics. Hamersley Iron in northwestern Australia provides more than a third of all iron ore shipped from Australia to

coast in 226-carriage trains, loaded - and operated - by one person. The Australian North West is also home to the Argyle diamond mine, source of pink diamonds sold independently since last year, when Argyle withdrew from the London-

Japan. The ore is hauled 338

kilometres to Dampier on the

Organisation. in 1995, Rio Tinto paid \$500 million for a 12 per cent stake in Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, the American

hased Central Selling

group that operates Grashers. It is expected to develop into the world's biggest copper mine, overtaking Escondida in Chile, in which Rio Tinto has a

30 per cent interest. Operations in Papua New Guinea include Lihir Gold and Bougainville Copper the latter abandoned in 1989 in the face of hit-and-run attacks

by warring locals. South African interests include the Palabora copper mine (39 per cent owned) and Richards Bay Minerals (50 per cent owned with Billiton). which mines heavy mineral sands on the coast of KwaZulu/Natal.

Rio Tinto has a range of publications describing its role as a "good corporate citizen". It has carried out a series of environmental audits, but its stated corporate values, according to Integrity Works, our independent analystare limited to mutual respect, active partnership and long-term commitment. It further believes in transparency and

Ethical expression owes much to a basic stakeholder approach, including a heavy emphasis on community relations. This makes the company appear somewhat disjointed, compared with best practice, but a reference to human rights in the new code of business practice will put it in the vanguard of corporate ethics statements.

The company comes off bad-ly in the "lat cat" league compiled by Crisp Consulting, which calculates that Mr Wilson was 42 per cent overpaid in 1996, with emoluments of £1.27 million. The Crisp model suggests that £730,336 would have been more in keeping with the company's generally poor performance over the period.

The average pay of the (then) nine non-executive directors was also deemed excessive; amounting to 56 per cent more than the average pay of the non-executive directors for all FTSE 100 companies.

JON ASHWORTH

OUR VERDICT

Fat-cat quotient2..... Financial record Share performance.. 6/10 Attitude to employees 6/10 Strength of brand... Innovation Annual report Future prospects...... 7/10 Total .

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FROM INIGO GILMORE IN LUSAKA

THE Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC). the UK's development finance institution, is taking a significant stake in the Zambian copper belt, providing a lift to Zambia's struggling copper industry.

The CDC, at the centre of confusion over plans for its privatisation, is part of a consortium of mining companies including Avmin of South Africa and Phelps Dodge of America. The deal, involving the Nkana and Nchanga mines, is the biggest in Zambia's slow-moving pri-vatisation programme. The mines account for about half of Zambia's copper output.

Analysts suggest that the sale price agreed with Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines (ZCCM) is in the region of \$250 million (£156 million) cash, with an initial commitment to spend \$300 million to \$400 million with a view to doubling production.

Industry sources said last month that the Zambian Government wanted \$300 million for the two mines, but the consortium had offered \$220

million with an additional commitment to spend \$1 billion in Zambia - \$750 million on capital expenditure and \$250 million on debt assumption and social development.

Zambia's copper industry has been in steady decline since 1969, when it ranked as the world's fourth-biggest pro-ducer. The sale, coupled with long-term mine development projects and exploration, could revive the industry. which earns 90 per cent of the country's foreign exchange.

ZCCM is saddled with debts

in the region of \$800 million. including at least \$200 million in short-term liabilities to suppliers. Concern has also been expressed about the implications of government interference in the privatisation process and corrupt practices surrounding some of the deals. New investors face the

threat of industrial action at mines. Zambia faces instability after last month's attempted coup, in which a group of drunken soldiers briefly tried to take over the country before they were arrested and

AMP vote on flotation this week

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY INSURANCE COURSESPONDENT

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a proprietary company.

At a similar general meeting before AMP's merger with in the Café Royal.

(AMP) will vote this week on the life insurer's plans to demutualise and float on the Australian and New Zealand

an estimated windfall of £2,500 on flotation next May. Australian members are be-

to turn AMP into one of the ten largest listed companies in Australia at a meeting at a concert hall in Darling Harbour, Sydney, on Thursday.
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London Life in 1989, so many turned up to vote at the Barbican in London that the meeting had to be reconvened

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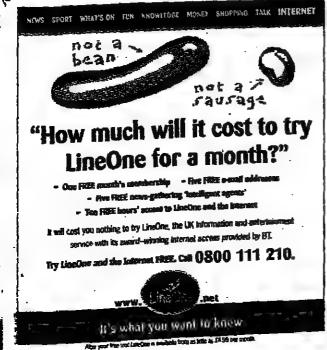
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Waiting in the wings for angels Labour repaying debt.

There is, it is generally accepted in the acting profession, a genuine lack of parts for women in the theatre beyond a certain age unless you happen to be called Maggie Smith. There are therefore very few women who make the leap from the soubrette to the mature character actress. There are even fewer who progress instead to theat-

rical producer. Sally Greene, rescuer of both the Richmond and the Criterion theatres, has done so, even if she admits that in her days on the stage she was one of the world's worst actresses.

"I was the sort of actress who was always being hit over the head by the scenery. I acted opposite Peter Ustinov once, and the fake mole on his cheek got stuck to mine. One night in Worthing I was playing an archangel, and my wings got stuck in the doors. "I hated it. Finally I became

an assistant stage manager."
Today she is also chief executive of the unrelated Criterion Productions, launched under the Business Expansion Scheme in 1993 as a commercial venture to put on West End plays, although not necessarily at her theatre. As the 230 investors who backed the initial cash-raising will shortly be aware, she is after their cash again. She also has a hit-list of another 1,000 who she thinks

might also be interested. Theatrical production, pace Cameron Mackintosh, is not the road to riches. Its traditional backers are generally known as angels because their rewards tend to be in heaven. or at backstage parties. Criterion Productions has now gone through about £200,000 of the E500,000 raised four

Martin Waller meets a former actress who found a more fulfilling role as a theatrical producer



Sally Greene at the Criterion, which, in theatrical parlance, was "dark" when she bought it

years ago, and there is no promise the £500,000 or more Ms Greene is now looking for will not go the same way.

Ms Greene started her career as theatrical impresario with one advantage — her first project, the ailing Richmond Theatre, in southwest London, was bought from her late father, a lawyer charged with selling it and a clutch of others as executor to the estate of the owner. She paid £90,000 and spent another £5 million refurbishing it. The Richmond became a charitable trust, paving the way for some support from the local authority. She had already acquired a couple of other advantages, a course in business management and a rich property developer as a husband. He is Robert Bourne, chairman of Clubhaus, the golf club operator, and formerly at Ex-Lands. Friends say much of the hospitality surrounding her theatrical ventures comes out of their own pockets.

The Criterion in Piccadilly Circus was "dark", in A theatrical parlance, when she bought it for El million from Mountleigh Properties in 1992. "They wanted someone who could raise monev. That's what I am quite

good at." The lights went on again, and she brought in stars such as Kenneth Branagh. Next week a touring production by the Royal Shakespeare Company of Cyrano de Bergerac arrives

there, starring Anthony Sher. The initial BES issue to launch her production company was backed by Charles Fry of Johnson Fry Securities, although he is not involved this time around. "Charles said it was the only BES company he had been involved with where there were no complaints." The story has it that he at first refused. Then

fices. City financiers, at least male ones, are not often required to field 20 white roses: it seems to have done the trick.

Mr Fry certainly remains a fan. She is enthusiastic, determined and full of energy," he says. If anyone is going to be a success in the industry, I hope she will be."

Despite such supporters, Ms Greene may be about to suffer an unusual reverse. The National Lottery board will this week rule on a £13 million grant to build her a third theatre, on Islington Green. The redevelopment of the old Collins Music Hall is ambitious, taking in an art gallery, a specially engineered stage and a nearby branch of Waterstone's, It may also, politically, be a non-starter.

hris Smith, the local MP andoriginal sponsor, withdrew when he became Secretary of State for National Heritage. But with state-funded opera in disarray and theatres around the country having their grants cut, it may not be the time to advance such sums for an arts complex around the corner from Tony Blair's old house and a few steps from Granita restaurant.

Perhaps it is a memory of one terrible night in Worthing, but Ms Greene bridles at the word "angel" -- "rather an old-fashioned term". Her supporters are inves-tors, she insists, even if their investments may not pay off in terms of dividends or

capital appreciation.
"I am interested in making huge profits — I would love to be a Mackintosh. But if you are an investor, you hope to get your money back — or at least to have a jolly good time."

— whatever next?

conomic ideas move in circles. Stand in one place long arrange place long enough and you will see the same old ideas come round again. This adage certainly seems to be true for

the public finances.

Tomorrow's PSBR figures should confirm that the Government is on course to record an annual deficit of only £10 billion or so. Indeed, it is perfectly plausible that it will soon be in surplus. This prosnect recalls the experience of the late 1980s, when there was briefly a large surplus under Chancellor Lawson. This time, though, the surplus could last rather longer — courtesy of our friends across the Channel. Incredible though it now seems, some of the more intern-

perate commentators were so pressed by the Lawson surpluses that they forecast the paying off of the national debt and the consequent elimination of the gilt-edged market. But by 1993-94 the deficit had bullowed to £45 billion.

What did for the Lawson. surpluses was the very thing fini characterised the whole period - gross over-optimism. The negative PSBR was the product of a raging boom in the economy which could not be sustained. The potential borrowing problem was exac-erbated when Chancellor Lawson cut taxes in the 1988 Budget and plans for government spending in future years were raised substantially.

After the economy tipped into recession, the consequences of spending laxity combined with earlier tax reductions were laid bare -hence the £45 billion deficit. But just as the euphoria was overdone in the late eighties so the gloom was overdone in the 1990-92 recession.

Granted, a decent econo recovery, then restraint on expenditure, would produce a much lower PSBR. In fact, Chancellors Lamont and Clarke enacted a huge rise in taxes so that the PSBR has fallen even more. The result is that we may soon be back in the Lawson situation. But can we avoid re-enacting the next



believe the gloomsters about the state of the economy then we probably won't. Corrent favourable indicators may not betoken any fundamental improvements in its working but simply reflect what the cynics call the "sweet spot" of the economic cycle, the good bit that fools you just before

things go badly wrong.

Call me naive, if you like, but I think things are a good bit better than that. Although the economy must slow down as a result of higher interest rates — there is no need for it to undergo a recession. The current expansion is healthier than the late 1980s boom. It could thug along for several years. That being the case, tax revenues will go on rising sweetly. What happens to public borrowing will then depend upon government policy on taxes and spending.

This is where our European friends come in. It might well be that even without the EMU project, sheer fiscal conservam on the part of our new Labour Government would ensure low borrowing numbers until kingdom come. But if the PSBR reached very low levels, let alone moved into surplus, the pressure for higher public spending would

As it is, the aim of preparing for EMU provides a bulwark against this pressure. The Maastricht treaty requirements are only the start. On a strict interpretation, they lay down that to be eligible to join EMU, a country's public defi-cit must not exceed 3 per cent of GDP, and its accumulated

60 per cent. Britain will easily pass these tests this year. But the real restraints emerge from the Government's self-imposed euro tests, particularly "sustainable con-vergence". This must imply getting the pound to a competi-tive level (and sustaining it for a good period) and operating with a level of interest rates similar to the Continent's -

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across the economic cycle. Mere convergence (or even crossover) of rates just because we are in recession and they are in boom will not ... be enough. Meanwhile, de spite operating with a lower level of sterling and interest rates, which would normally tend to increase inflation, we, shall have to sustain the lower level of inflation likely to be targeted by the new European central bank — probably no

more than 2 per cent. How can this circle be squared? The only way I can see is through fighter fiscal policy. In his first Budget, Mr Brown did tighten, but be failed to deliver the big tax rises that many economists (myself included) called for. The aim of preparing for the. cano will force him to extend, the squeeze over several years.

pectacular tax rises are unlikely. Rather, partieular taxes may rise at the ... margin, even as the PSBR turns into surplus, and gov--ernment spending will have togrow only very slowly. After a years, this stands a chance of producing an economy operating with a lower level of sterling and interest rates yet-also a lower rate of inflation. And all this accompanied by a fiscal surphis.

What a happy prospect --inside or outside the euro. A Labour Government would then have the choice of continuing to pay off debt, increasing spending or cutting tax. § to penal rates of personal taxation and rejects renationalisation of privatised industrics. Now it is set to run a surplus on the public finances. Whatever has become



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approval P&O, the ferries operator. and the Government are playing down a weekend report that the long-delayed merger between the company and Stena, the

Swedish operator, might be within days of getting the green light from the

regulatory authorities.
The Department of

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missed as "pure specula-

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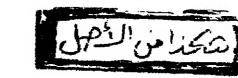
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Trustor shares. Lord Moyne paid £20 million in June for a 52 per cent stake in Trustor. He intends to sell the stake and resign as chairman in the light of recent

The SPO can assist the Swedes by demanding documents and interviewing witnesses. Lord Moyne and Mr Smallbone are co-signatories on the Barclays account through which Trustor funds were channelled. Other possible witnesses include Michael Wynne-Parker, who introduced Lord Moyne to Peter Mattsson, one of those arrested, and Joachim Posener, a convicted fraudster who shared offices with

Guinness Management, Mr Wynne-Parker and Lord Movne were directors of Access to Justice, which was wound up in September on the



Jerry Brand, who built up Russell & Brand, will today open his first Orange Balloon restaurant in Tonbridge

Caterer orders up new restaurants

who sold his business to Marriott, the US hotel group, for £15.8 million last year is to develop a restaurant chain with Brian Turner, the TV chef (Dominic

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leading staff caterers, will today open his first Orange Balloon restaurant in Tonbridge, Kent. He aims for a dozen by the end of next year.

dining in the evening. The second Orange Balloon opens next month in Twickenham. The 160-seat Tonbridge restaurant cost E480,000 to set put up £2 million and Royal Bank of Scotland debt fund-

ing of £2 million.

Mr Turner, chef-proprietor of Turners restaurant in acquire a stake in Mr Brand's

announcement.

EMU doubt

price restraints.

Britain will not meet the Treasury's five economic tests for joining the single European currency for the 'foreseeable future", according to the Institute of Directors, which has consistently argued against membership of the euro. The Treasury's own analythat, on balance, Britain was not likely to meet them for the lifetime of this Parliament and therefore ruled out joining EMU during this period.

CBI post

The Confederation of British Industry has appointed the head of the Engineering Employers Federation to chair its new Trade Association Council, Graham Mackenzie will head the 40-strong council, which will represent the 200-plus trade associations that are CBI members and will meet four times a year.

Share service

ShareLink, the retail broker, is today launching Britain's first entirely touchtone share-dealing service, allowing clients to buy and sell shares on the telephone without having to talk to a human operator. Touch-Tone Trader, which went through its final tests at the weekend, will offer clients

EU warned

The European Union must examine ways of reducing its overall tax burdens and promoting private pensions if it is to successfully tackle high unemployment, according to a new study under the auspices of the Federal Trust, the independent think-tank.

petition of the Department of Trade and Industry. up. To finance the initial Walsh writes). Jerry Brand, who built Rusdevelopment, Mr Brand has Argent plans 45,000-seat VESTMENT MARKET stadium with Coventry

COVENTRY CITY, the Premiership football club, which avoided relegation on the last day of last season, aims to develop a new 45,000-seat stadium in an £80 million joint venture with Argent, the prop-

erty group.
The club intends next month to seek planning consent for the scheme, which includes a stadium with retractable roof, a hotel and a retail park. The intended site is a former gasworks at Fonthill, on the outskirts on Coventry, near the M6, the M1 and the M40 and next to the West Coast railway line. It was bought from BG, the gas pipe-line group, for just £1 million. Road, near the centre of Coventry, is expected to be sold for housing development. Bryan Richardson, chair-

The old stadium, at Highfield

man of Coventry City, said that once the development is under way, it is likely that the club will be floated. "We need more than just the income from football to justify a market listing," he said.

Derek Higgs, chairman of Prudential Portfolio Managers, is a director of the club, as was Geoffrey Robinson, before he joined the Government as Paymaster General.

The stadium is expected to sources cost £45 million to build and at Argent.

will have 40,000 seats for football matches and will be able to be transformed, in less than three hours, into a 45,000-seat indoor venue for rock concerts and other events. It will have partking for 7,000 cars and 300 coaches.

least £15 million to fit out. It

"We intend to position ourselves as the national indoor arena," Mr Richardson said. "Seventy per cent of the country's population is within 90 The project is being funded

largely through government grants, Coventry's own resources and investment by

Plea to aid bankless Britons

have a bank or building soci-

ety account, and at least four

million people rank too low in

credit-scoring to gain access to

TACKLING the "financial exclusion" of the nine million Britons without bank accounts should be the priority of the Government's new Social Exclusion Unit, according to a progressive think-tank (Mar-tin Waller writes).

The New Policy Institute

conventional sources of credit. Their only alternative to il-

legal loan sharks may be specialist lenders that can charge 300 per cent in annual inter-est. This financial exclusion will only get worse as a result of building societies turning into banks, says the institute. Poor parts of Britain are becoming financial deserts, says Peter Kenway, a director of the

institute, as building societies and banks shut branches. He wants banks to be required to offer services to poorer communities and do a "social audit"

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Lewis waits for Racal's reply on bid

DUNCAN LEWIS, the former chief executive of Granada Media, hopes to hear this week electronics group, would be willing to sell its loss-making data products division in addition to Racal Telecoms. Mr Lewis and a group of un-

named executives backed by Schroder Ventures put in a bid of about £400 million for Racal's telecommunications business, which includes the provision of secure communications for the National Lottery, six weeks ago. He has heard nothing other than a suggestion that they might like to increase their offer by £100 million, a suggestion that the Lewis consortium declined.

Last week Mr Lewis, a former head of Mercury Communications, suggested to Racal that the buy-in group might also be prepared to buy the data products division, but he has had no response. Until Racal's attitude to the proposal is known, there are no plans to make a higher bid encompassing both the data and the telemunications businesses.

It is thought that Mr Lewis and his group are in the dark about Racal's intentions or how serious the interest is from a rival to buy Racal Telecoms, Scottish Power.

The Lewis group might even be interested in making an offer for all of Racal. However, this would only be feasible if a defence company were willing to buy the defence businesses as part of the deal.

Mr Lewis has been offered senior jobs in telecommunications in the 11 months since he left Granada, but would prefer



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Youngsters need to be equipped with a full set of financial literacy skills if they are to cope with an increasingly sophisticated financial world

Young people should learn financial literacy at school

hould financial litera-cy skills be as familiar to young people as IT skills? I believe that this is a fundamental question which must be debated fully if we are to equip young people to cope with an increasingly sophisticated financial world.

There are 16,000 different financial products on sale in Britain today, yet how many of the customers for them are properly equipped to know which they should buy? Individuals increasingly need the right mix of abilities and skills to be able to venture confidently into new financial products. Today, delegates are gather-

ing at the Russell Hotel in London to debate the role of financial literacy in the school curriculum. They have been invited jointly by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) and NatWest momentous, but it is the first time that either QCA or its consitituent parts have jointly run a curriculum review conference in partnership with a private sector company. The purpose of the conference is to inform QCA thinking on financial literacy when it reviews the curriculum in schools in the year 2000. It will have the findings of specially commissioned research from the Demos think-tank to highlight the need for change.

If the business of business is does require knowledge, but

Derek Wanless explains how teachers can improve the way children prepare for life in the real world

business, then why is NatWest Group dedicating its time, manager of money.
Financial literacy does not

expertise and resources to the conference and more widely to the issue of financial literacy? The answer is that the successful business of today and tomorrow is evolving beyond being ruled solely by simple financial measures. The business of banking rests on the successful management of risk, which in turn is crucially dependent on the skills and ability of individuals, both as customers and staff to manage money, whether that be at home or in the workplace.

In a climate of constant change, we believe that financial literacy is an essential set The definition of financial literacy prepared for NatWest Group by the National Foundation for Educational Research is "the ability of individuals to make informed judgments and to take effective decisions regarding the use and management of money". This does not mean knowing what APR might mean but to have the skills to plan confidently, solve problems and take decisions when it comes to financial management. This

skills, understanding and values also play an important part in being an effective

exist in a vacuum, but must adapt and change as the world changes. The intensity of global competition and the everincreasing speed of technological development are two pressures about which business is all too aware.

Further dramatic change is inevitable within society as we approach the next millennium. This is the context that the delegates to the QCA/ NatWest conference must consider. To help, we commissioned Demos to describe the ential trends that will affect the way in which financial skills are needed in the new millennium.

emos pointed out that values are changing. Younger generations are interested in personal fulfilment and less concerned with issues of security. This has meant that traditional trust in institutions has fallen while solidarity groups based on shared interests or ideals are experiencing a renaissance. This phenomenon sets the backdrop to other changes facing society.

Patterns of work are changing. Companies are well aware of the technological drivers of change that are revolutionising organisational structures. Technology and competitive pressure demand knowledge workers, flatter structures and shift the emphasis from the single organisation to networks of resource producers. These changes have huge implications for the individual and for the need for financial literacy. Flexibility is embodied in reduced tenure, peformance-related pay and earnings swings. Effective money management skills are

ment is being replaced with the desire to tailor services to the needs of the individual. At the same time, there is a broad ment, much more than the old trend away from direct govclimate of steadily increased ernment provision where it can be shown that companies

Product delivery is chang-

can do the job at least as effectively and efficiently. ing. New players are entering the field, and new distribution channels such as the Internet As the complexity of the relationship between govern-ment and the individual are likely to stimulate many more. Apart from the physical inability of individuals to abgrows, so will the need for sorb all this data, the need for greater sophistication in the the right mix of abilities and depth of financial skills. Those skills is a prerequisite to who have grappled with the new tax assessment forms will handle financial planning. know what I mean.

Life cycles are changing. Our success as a business is Acres of newspaper columns have been devoted to the built on the ability of our customers to manage their demographic time bomb. In finances effectively in this comparison, very little has changing world. It is, therebeen said on the very real fore, imperative to us that that life expectancy is growing. learning opportunities for but as Demos points out young people and for us all to traditional triggers such as look at how we might bring a marriage and parenthood are useful extra perspective to the becoming less and less predictlearning process. After all, able. This societal change is young people are our hope for removing some of the tradi-

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NatWest Group is investing considerable effort in research and consultation in financial literacy and we have already learnt a lot through our practical programme to promote financial literacy skills in young people at secondary school level: Face 2 Face with Finance. This involves simulations of real-life situations, enterprise activities and work experience. To date, 70,000 pupils and 3,000 NatWest Group staff have been

involved. At the moment, financial literacy does not explicitly feature in the curriculum. We believe that it should and we welcome the opportunity to debate this with education. The Demos research reinforces my message that financial literacy skills need to form a critical part of the way that your young people are pre-pared for life.

The author is chief executive of NatWest Group.

Sir Brian should be commend-

ed for his honesty concerning

his objective. However, at a

recent Chartered Institute of

Bankers' meeting in Bristol, his apparent admiration for

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A brush with Van Gogh *

It had probably never struck most of us before that Impressionist painting would have been difficult, perhaps impossible, before the 19th century. The reason, revealed by Neil MacGregor, Director of the National Gallery, lies in the paint. Before Van Gogh and Monet oil paint had to be mixed on the spot, which ruled out spontaneity. But by the 1880s paint could be bought ready-mixed in tubes and artists could capture the transient moment that was at the root of the impressionist method. Also, was at the root of the Impressionist method. Also, chemistry had extended the range of colours. Van Gogh could place an order for 18 shades of chrome yellow. MacGregor's series continues to demonstrate how much available materials contribute to the look and style of a painting and after tonight's film we shall never look at a Van Gogh, or for that matter a Truan or a Rembrandt, in the same way again.

Land of the Tiger BBC2, 8.30pm

The land is the Indian sub-continent which takes in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka as well as India itself and stretches further than from London to Istanbul. As the title implies, this is a wildlife series and although the tiger features prominently it shares top billing with many other stars of the natural world. Our guide is Valmik Thanar, an enthusiastic Indian conservationist, and his words are supported by superb footage. Episode one visits Jungle Book country and scarches for realife equivalents of Kipling's animals. Here, sure enough, are wolf, bear, jackal, monkey, snake—and iger. Much of the film shows creatures trying bill each other than the property of the film shows creatures trying bill each other than the property of the film shows creatures trying bill each other than the property of the film shows creatures trying the state of the to kill each other, but there are tenderer moments.

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Movers and Shakers: Car Wars Channel 4, 8.00pm

If you had the idea that Scaleatric racing car sets were just for small boys, this jolly film will tell you otherwise. The members of the Wood Green Scaleatric Club may still be small boys at heart but it is many years since they were in short trousers. And do they take it seriously. Paul Harwood,

Bengal tiger at home (BBC2, 8.30pm)

reigning champion, talks about going for the kill, while Paul O'Hara, one of his challengers, is not above knocking an opponent off the track to ensure victory. Upsetting a few people, he reckons, is part of the fun. That the men's (and they are all men) families think they are mad and should be doing something more adult with their spare time curs no ice whatever. Meanwhile, down in Wales, Richard Hardric has been forced to race his little cars on his drive after his wife banned them from the house. She thinks I'm a complete idiot," he says.

inox: The Day the Earth Was Hit Channel 4, 9.00pm

A fireball which exploded over Siberia in June 1908 continues to fascinate scientists around the globe. One thousand times greater than the Hiroshima bomb, the explosion set fire to a vast area of fasget and convinced local people that the end of the world had come. The shock was reached at far as a fection. One man now 46, was there and as Britain. One man, now 96, was there and describes what happened as if it were yesterday. But the main thrust of the film is to chart attempts to determine what the meteorite was (an asteroid or a comet() and where it came from. There has been no shortage of theories and these have been added to since scientists from the West were finally allowed to investigate the site. Computer technology has been recruited for the task, but the mystery is still proving hard to crack.

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Dear Diary Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

Rick Stein is for me the best of the television chels because although the medium necessarily promotes personalities, Stein does a better job than some of keeping the food at the top of the agenda. The same impression can be gained from this very different programme, the first in a new series of Dear Diary. Stein tours Australia as a judge in a pressaurant of the year competition. Stein whose restaurant of the year competition. Stein, whose connections with Australia go back a long way, admits the trip sounded like an irresistible junket but it turns into a stressed attempt to resist pressure from various individuals, including food printing who think that only their form with the court of the control of the critics, who think that only their favourite choice is a suitable recipient of the award. The path is

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TALK RADIO

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The Monday Play: A State Macabre

Radio 4, 7.45pm

This is a powerful hour which at times has the ring of documentary, so convincing is Pearse Elliott's script. The setting is Northern freland during 1996, the summer of violence in Drumcree. The central the summer of violence in Drumcree. The central character is Tommy, who lies dying in a Belfast hospital after a petrol bomb has destroyed his house. Tommy, a Roman Catholic, is reflecting on a life numbed by violence when he is visited by an RUC constable, a Protestant. This visit has a profound effect on both men, for their meeting brings out the traumatic condition of Tommy and serves to switch on a light of understanding for the police officer. James Ellis, still perhaps best known on the mainland for Z Cars, and Sean Kearns are outstanding in the lead roles.

Peter Barnard J.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00em Newadey 8.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelt: The Handmald's Tale 7.30 The Vintage Chart Show 8.00 News 8.10 Pausa for Thought 8.15 Pop on the Line 9.00 News; News in German (645 only) 9.05 World Dusiness Report 9.15 Nelor Kiles 8.30 Weekway Access 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 Newsdeek 10.30 Omnibus 11.00 Newsdeek 11.30 Jezzamistazz 12.00 News 12.05pes World Business Report 12.15 British Today 12.30 Seven Days 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newsdeek 12.30 Seven Days 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newsdeek 12.30 Seven Days 12.05 Cultook 2.30 Frantersstein 3.00 World News; (646 only) News in German 3.05 Sports Roundup 3.15 Weistway Access 3.30 The Ed Slewert Show 4.00 News 4.15 Seven Days 4.30 The World Today; (646 only) News in German 4.45 British Today 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Statness Report 5.45 Sports Roundup 6.00 Newsdeek 8.30 Cross Ouestloned; News in German (648 only) 7.00 News 6.30 Cross Ocestioned: News in German (648 only) 7.00 News 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Pause for Thought 7.30 Multireck Hit Us 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9:15
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CLASSIC FM

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6.00um On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes
Cavelli (Messa Concertata, Gloria); Elgar (Violin
Sonata in E minor); Letter (Weltz: Gold and Silver);
Chopin (Bellade No 4 in F minor); Trad, arr
Whittaker (Blow the Wind Southerly); Protofiev
(Suite Lieutenant Kije)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Includes
Rossini (Overture The Barber of Seville); Falla (El
Arnor Brujo); Tippett (Concerto for Double String
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10.00 Musical Encounters, with John Toal, Includes
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Torero; Mithaud (Suite Provençale); Haydn (Plano
Trio in C); Poutenc, after Gervalee (Suite
Française); J. Mark Stambaugh (il Campanile);
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Sibelus (Symphony No 3)

12.00 Composer of the Week Richard Streuss

1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert, Live from.
St. John's, Smith Square, London, Raphael
Ensemble, Schulhoff (Siring Sedel); Schoenberg (Verklärte Nacht)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of

Concerto)
4.00 Music Matters, Ivan Hewett talks to James

Bernard, about his new acore for the 1922 classed horror fain Nosferatu (r)
4.45 Music Machine. Verity Sharp begins a journey through the music of Finland

5.00 to Tune, with Sean Rafferty. Elijeh Moshinsky talks about his teachation for Verol's Otelio and why his production is staged at the Albert Hall
7.30 Performence on 3 (Sounding the Century).
Katarian Delaymen, soprano, Alice Coote, mezzo.
London Sinfonietta Voices, Phiharmonia under Esa-Peldra Salonen. Debussy (Noctumes): Ligeti (Clocks and Clouds): Debussy (La Demoisele Elua): Ligeti (Atmosphères): Ravel (Dephris and Chice Suite No 2)
9.15 Postacripit Tales from the Stecks. The first of five programmes of reflections on the experience of librarea.

9.30 A Breton Organ. Timothy Roberts plays the organ at Plousen, France, built by the Englishman Thomas Callam, Includes music by Blow, Froberger and Rossi
10.00 Volces. The young Itelian countertenor Marco Lazzara males his British and Radio 3 debut with lain Burnelde; plano, Includes Meyerbeer (Lazzar Ficordanze); Plossin (O Mis Madre, Giovenne d'Arco); Fauré (Apres un Reve; En Sourdine); Debussy (Trois melodies de Verlaine); Respigh (O Falce d'Luna; Nebbole; Soupir); Mascagni

Mibding It. Mark Russell and Robert Sandali present a Unique mix of musical styles and

influences
11.30 Composer of the Weeld Gyorgy Light (r)
12.30em Jazz Notes, Digby Fairweather presents a studio set from the 100 Club All-Stars
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Madeed

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istenes's calls on personal finance issues
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10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Clothes They Stood Up
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11.00 (FM) At the Shoulder of History, John Miller
laks to Bruce Boeglin, a veteran integreter for the
United Nations (1/5) (f)
11.00 (LW) Education Matters, with David Walter
11.30 (LW) Today in Pertiament
11.30 (FM) The Female Chost: Man Stood in Marble,
by Enid Nesbit, dramatised by Christopher Hawes
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Employees want to know how much profit is enough destructive in the extreme. From Mr Paul H. Tipler gration - in such a way that

Sir, Richard Miles's Corpostaff and customer interests rate Profile of Lloyds TSB seem to be largely ignored. No visible ethical policy even (November 10), while stopping short of acclaiming Sir Brian Pitman as the Messiah of the Many employees (myself banking industry, appears to have missed the fundamental shortcomings of his corporate

Lloyds TSB's approach, if emulated throughout industry, would surely cause such social and environmental disruption that the fabric of society itself would be undermined. The bank has led the way in a retreat from overseas markets, cost-cutting. horizontal and vertical inte-

From Mr J. V. Buckland

Sir, Mr David Askern's letter

(November 13) rightly points

out BA's mistake with their

new colours. But they are only

repeating their past mistakes. In the 1950s, when it was

BOAC (Better on a Camel, the

schoolboys of that era decided)

it took the Union Jack off the

front of its brochures because

it might upset some of the

included) are asking just how much profit is enough. The banking industry faces powerful challenges from, among

others, Halifax, Virgin Bank and supermarkets such as Sainsbury's and Tesco, which have a much lower cost base. But to counter this with a philosophy solely aimed at maximising shareholder value, with all other legitimate objectives subjugatged, will surely prove to be narrow and

probably lower still on its attitude to employees. been awarded for share per-BA repeats history in removing the colours formance achieved at such a price. Hopefully, investors in passengers. Whether profits increased has never been admitted, but it was not too

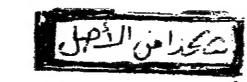
> blunders? Yours sincerely J. V. BUCKLAND. 28 Desside Avenue. Fishbourne, West Sussex.

People were not aware of the long before the national colours returned. But what does one do with managers who persist in repeating past

full picture when recognising

areas of the bank for their award in October 1996. Yours faithfully. PAUL H. TIPLER (National Council Member, Movement for Christian Democracy),

3 Highfield Grove. Horfield, Bristol.



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fore Christmas. You could tell that because all sorts of new series were conveniently starting six-part runs and because it couldn't quite decide what sort of weekend to be. Was it still the class and quality of autumn or the cheap, cheerful and commercial that traditionally signals the onset of winter? Julian Clary, Lily Savage and a new series of The Fast Show thought they knew. But they had reckoned without Sir Isaiah Berlin, Julius Caesar and the Battle of Hastings. For once in my reviewing life I was going highbrow, safe in the know-ledge that the worst that could

through a Michael Ignatieff intro-duction and suddenly discover it was Monday. The two-part tribute to Berlin, heavily stamped "not to be shown in his lifetime", arrived late in the schedules - late not just in terms

happen was to fall asleep halfway

of last-minute but also, well, late. mastered the art of nodding and Still sober? That was the great unasked question as The Making of a Hedgehog (BBC2) and Free-dom and its Enemies (BBC2) got under way at hours of Friday and Saturday night normally reserved for frivolity rather than philosophy. You needed to be.

Both films were the product of one long interview but they were divided by more than the Second World War. Friday night, from the moment he over-elaborately introduced his subject as "the last great Jewish intellectual of tsarist Russia", was the torturing of Ignatieff. This he discovered early, when the straightforward question: "You then went to St Paul's School?" was met with: "Well, don't forget, I had very little imagination." I realised I was going to enjoy this. So it proved, but goodness it was hard work. One of the reasons for

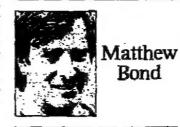
this became more apparent on Saturday, when Ignatieff, having

shaking his head at the same time, had a much better time of it. As they discussed liberalism, pluralism and other -isms I had never heard of, excerpts from Berlin's broadcasts in the 1950s and 1960s showed how that distinctive voice had changed. The fluency was still there but the precision had faded with age, making way for something deeper, darker and occasionally difficult to understand.

ut if one or two punchlines were lost (Ignatieff nodded b and smiled encouragingly, knowing the moment had passed) and one or two I was not clever enough to understand, there were enough that made it through to make this an enjoyable, if rather tiring, 90 minutes. I feel somewhat embarrassed about warming quite so enthusiastically to the story about Churchill confusing Irving Berlin with Isaiah (so much for my

REVIEW

High on the brow and tall in the saddle



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scholarly pretensions) but less so about logical positivism, which Berlin said he didn't believe in at all but found convenient because it swept away a lot of tedious metaphysics and all those second-rate osophers who couldn't do it. Ignatieff smiled. I empathised with the second-rate

My colleague Melvyn Bragg is fond of a scholarly chat. His problem on last night's South Bank Show was getting one. The subject was lain Banks (or lain M. Banks in science-fiction modej. a writer from a generation reluctant to take anything too seriously. least of all themselves.

For the first ten or 15 minutes,

Tony Knox's film was dominated by two images. The first was "the vast and ruddy frame" of the Forth Railway Bridge, that Banks both lives by and writes about. The second was of Bragg, desperately trying to get his subject to take himself seriously. For a while it looked as though the best he would achieve was Banks's claim that his main aim in writing science fiction was "to reclaim the moral highground of space-opera for the Left". Bragg looked like a man who didn't altogether approve of science fiction.

Then came the breakthrough the word "dystopia" (I had to look it up). Bragg looked revitalised. Suddenly Banks was away, his intellect finally unleashed. There austere combination produced is a religion around now that makes sense, it's called science." Bragg's eyes lit up. Did somebody say science? After that, the pair chatted deverly ever after, while Peter Capaldi, one of the stars of the marvellous television adaptation of The Crow Road, read extracts that intrigued more than they immediately tempted.

tricky opening ten minutes is almost a defining element of highbrow television. It certainly took about that long to get used to Brian Cox's florid narration to I, Caesar (BBC? Saturdayi. But then it became clear why Cox was giving quite so much. The narration was everything to Phil Grabsky's gripping retelling of the story of Julius Caesar. Apart from some stone reliefs, the odd gobbet of Plutarch and a handful of erudite academics, he had nothing else. That this such watchable television was as improbable as it was impressive. No problems with the opening

ten minutes to War Walks (BBC2, Friday) which suggested more populist ambitions, a fact quickly confirmed by the sight of Professor Richard Holmes, the military historian, riding a medieval warhorse. Name of Thatch, appar-

While Caesar came, saw but couldn't be bothered to conquer Britain, this was the story of how a Norman duke did so, 1,100 years and assorted Dark Ages later. Holmes is an accomplished storyteller, but what he really excels at is convincing you that the outcome of the Battle of Hastings is in doubt, when you've known from the age of eight that it isn't. Eventually, however, not even he could prevent nice King Harold getting one in the eye. The rest, as they say, is tapestry.

6.00am Business Breakfast (94814) 1 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (99272) 9.00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (5546814) 9.25 Style Chattenge (5585949) 9.50 Kilroy (T) (5326861)

10.30 Change That from Tation Park Country Estate in Cheshire (4834563) 10.55 The Reelly Useful Show (1) (7843253) 11.35 Real Rooms (2289794) 12.90 News (T) and weather (6233185) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (9517663)

12.35 Give Us A Clue (2252982) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) and weather 1.30 Regional News (84373494)

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3.30 Playdays (8104017) 3.58 Enchanted Lands (1123104) 4.00 Roald Dehl's Revolting Recipes (9983814) 4.15 : Noeh's Island (7618365) 4.40 Gossebumps (6216901) 5.60 Newsround (1) (5454340) 5.16 Blue Peter — An Enid Blyton Special (1) (9305340)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (378035) 5.00 Stx O'Clock News (1) and weather (291) 6.30 Regional News (543)

7.00 This is Your Life Michael Aspel Invites another personality to take a trip down memory late (1) (7291) 7.30 Here and Most Tot Rage Citis Chol Investigates the national shortage of Telebubby toys which has enraged

customers up and down the country and driven parents to desperate lengths (1) 8,00 EastEnders lan's life is turned upside down (T) (3811)

8.30 Sparic Beth Colette arranges for Ashley to meet an attractive divorces (2745) 9,00 Nine O'Clock News (1) and weather

9.30 Hotel The Adelphi's house manager, Katy, is left to the lunch by the det of a receptionist (T) (65630) 40.00 Panorama: The People's Monarchy?

What has the Psiace learnt from the public reaction to the death of Diana, 10.40 On Side John Inverdale presents the

sports magazine. Tonight he talks Formula One racing with Damon Hill and new teem boss Eddle Jordan, rugby with outsooken Aussie David Campasa and tennis with Greg Rusedski (T) (458291) 11,30 Film '97 with Burry Horman Brad Pitt's letest outing, Seven Years in Tibet, ebout

an Austrian mountaineer who strikes up a relationship with the Datei Lama; plus reviews of Keep the Aspidistra Flying. Regeneration and Lawn Dogs (1) (82494) 12.00 Last Embrace (1979) Suspense thriller, with Roy Scheider as a CIA operative whose wife is killed in an ambush, leading him to believe that someone warns him lead. Directed by Jonathan Derrine (F) (495609) Followed by Weather 1.40 BBC News 24 (550(321)

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6.20 Battlestar Galactics (f) (T) (872765) 7.10 The Car's the Star The Chevrolet Corvette (T) (762307)

Making Masterpleoes Nell MacGregor traces the origins of impressionism (1) (369) 8,00 Trust Me, I'm a Doctor. The causes and treatments for impotence; the risks and benefits of cervival cancer screening and a new hearing test for bables (T) (1253)

Land of the Tiger New series about the diverse wildlife of India's Kanha region (I) (182104) 9.20 Trade Secreta Professional bakers revieel tricks of their trade (T) (205433) 9.30 Never Mind the Buzzoocks (r) (T)



Steve Coogan as Alan (10.00pm)

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5.40 News (T) and weather (511814) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (355611) 6.25 Regional Weather (264920) 6.30 Regional News (T) (611) 7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers (9659)



Elizabeth Bradiey as Maud (7.30pm)

7,30 Coronation Street Maud devises a plan Martin learn Nick's secret (T) (123)

8.00 World in Action As Gypsies from the Czech Republic and Slovakla wait in Dover to hear whether they have been granted political asylum, the programme reveals why they are desperate to leave, meets those who have already arrived

8.30 Michael Barrymore's Strike It Rich Fast and furlous game show (T) (7814) 9.00 Gold: The Catch Carol faces police Interrogation after Paul's attack puts Virnle in hospital, and uses his enforced absence to get to the bottom of the activities at the factory (T) (6036) 10.00 News (T) and weather (51949)

10.30 Regional News (1) (967956) 10.40 Nash Bridges Nash's classic car is stolen (1) (198307) 11.40 Highlander MacLeod and Charle come

to the aid of a native American who claims that a mine owner is trying to steal her son (T) (118253) 12.40mm Football Extra (5430437) 1,40 War of the Worlds (8635437) 2.35 Rockmania (r) (2146708)

3,30 God's Gift (r) (3003586) 4,25 Curtis Calls (40529895) 4.35 World in Action (r) (T) (93642944) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (75128) 5.30 News (35925)

CENTRAL

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11.40 Charlie Grace (118253) 1,40am Late and Loud (9565505) 2.40 ITV Sport Classics (6432437) 2.45 Film: Emergency Call (188302) 4.15 Central Jobfinder '97 (1336321)

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4.50 Eastern Mix (93654769)

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1.50 Rotten to the Core (1965, b/w). The first of a week's season of films by the Boulting Brothers. A comedy with Anton Rodgers, Dudley Sutton, Kenneth Gritfith and Charlotte Rempling (82000104)

3.30 Collector's Liot presented by Sue Cook (T) (807) 4.08. Fifteen-to-One (T) (524) 4.30 Countdown (1) (1714456) 4.55 Montel Williams (7) (9554611) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (388) 6.00 Home Improvement (1) (901) 6.30 Hollyoaks Teen scap (T) (253)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (140098)

7.55 Golden Oldies (167098)



Enthusiast Richard Hardric (8,00pm)

8.00 Movers and Shakers Sleve Center, secretary of the Wood Green Scalextric Club, reveals the thrill of racing the model cars. Plus: Richard collection of Scalestric cars (T) (6949)

8,30 We Love You Alan Shearer! Elevenyear-olds at Redheugh Boys' Club on Tyneside dream of becoming football eroes (t) (T) (5456)

9.00 Equinoc: The Day the Earth
Was Hit A group of Russian
scientists investigate why a giant lireball exploded above Tunguska, Siberia, m June 1908 (T) (4678) 10.00 Cracker: The Med Woman in the Attic

The first series of the successful drama starring Robbie Coltrane (1/2) (I) (T) (2644833)

11.05 Armstrong and Miller Comedy from Alexander Armstrong and Ben Miller (2/7) (T) (461920) 11,35 The American Football Big Match

(130388) 12.50am Trans World Sport (r) (5413760) 1.50 Naked SA The leunch of the South African edition of the magazine Playboy

2.50 The Snow Session (r) (2477499) 3.20 in Conversation With Jilly Cooper (r) (27467012) 3,50 Comucopia (22157988)

4.00 Schools: Making Sense of Science

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6.00am 5 News Early (2583185) 7.30 Milkshake (4246727) 7.35 Stickin' Around (r) (6647678) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (2893663)

8.30 WideWorld The Jewish migration to the United States (7/10) (3243104) 9,00 Espresso (2526630) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (8625982) 10,30 Pole Stars (r) (T)

(9843348) 11.00 Leeza (7280036) 11.50 Double Espresso (94464036) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (9643140) 12.30pm Family Atlairs (r) (T) (8477369)

1.00 5 News (67427665) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (3259543) **2.00** 5's Company (8227611) 3.30 Anastasia: The Mystery of Anna (1986)

starring Army Irving, Rex Harmson, Edward Fox and Olivia de Havilland. A made-tortelevision historical drama (concludes tomorrow) about Anna Anderson, who claimed to be the only surviving member of the Russian Royal Family. Directed by Marvin J. Chomsky (8434253)

5.20 5's Company — Late Extra (13612630) 5.30 Whittle (T) (3614291) 6.00 100 Per

6.30 Family Affairs Susie is lealing autiocated by Holly's constant attentions. Chris begins to test broady (T) (3602456) 7,00 Exclusive Showbiz gossip (5293630)

7.30 Dwellers of the Deep The coral of the Barrier Reef (T) (3691340)



8.00 Period Rooms Interior design series
. Tonight's contestants transform a room into a replica of a Victorian doctor's study (T) (5219678)

8,30 5 News (T) (5298185) 9.00 The Sweeney Virtiage Flying Squad drama starting John Thaw and Dennis . Waterman (9601678)

10.00 The Comedy Network with Jenny Eclair, Jim Tavaré and Stewart Lee (4798299) 10.30 Tibs and Fibe Light-hearted medical QUIZ (8493R07)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Cornedy and chat (4222185) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (8029104) 12.45am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine (45816596)

3.45 Asian Football Show (8411296) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco. Police drama series (7353505) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2516895)

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Financial turmoil prompts emergency meeting in China

AND JANET BUSH IN LONDON

CHINA is holding a top-level meeting this week to review the turmoil in Asian financial markets and to find ways of

heading off damage to its own economy.

The leadership in Beijing has stood on the sidelines watching as the Asian markets have buckled. However, now that the crisis, which started in Thailand, has spread to the region's economic powerhouses in Hong Kong. Taiwan and South Korea and is badly hitting the

increasingly threatened. In Tokyo, the Nikkei 225 index suffered a loss of nearly 5 per cent over the course of last week and is expected to come under further pressure in the days ahead.

Several Japanese banks and securities companies have had their credit ratings humiliatingly downgraded amid mount-ing concern about the instability of

Japan's financial system.
On Friday, Standard & Poor's cut one of its ratings of Yamaichi Securities, one of Japan's big four brokerages, and IBCA.

Europe's credit rating agency, lowered ratings on four Japanese banks. Yamaichi said yesterday that it was considering restructuring into three separate entities.

The meeting in Beijing is being organised by the State Council, China's cabinet, and will include officials from key government departments, the counsecurities regulatory agency and banking officials.

Sources in Hong Kong said that President Jiang Zemin, Li Peng, the Prime Minister, and Zhu Rongji, a vice-premier and economics czar, would take part in, or

closely monitor, the meeting. Discussions will focus on limiting financial risk in China's banking system. On the agenda is the possible reorganisation of the People's Bank of China, the central bank, along the lines of the US Federal Reserve.

Analysts believe that the leadership's move is a signal that China faces a risk of banking insolvency unless it can curb the massive debts of the state-owned banks and reform the financial system.

China's four big state-owned banks have run up huge debts in their political role of keeping affoat loss-making, state-

owned enterprises. About 20 per cent of their total loans, worth an estimated £212 billion, are believed to be irrecoverable.

China had hoped to sell some stateowned firms to relieve the burden on the financial system, but that now looks difficult given the collapse of Asian markets and, in particular, the fall in the Hong Kong stock market where Chinese red-chip" companies were to be floated.
The Japanese Bond Research Institute,

Japan's biggest credit rating company, last week said that the health of the Chinese central bank was declining and

that the four state banks were likely to be hard hit as state-owned enterprises went bankrupt. Amid signs of slowing growth, China is displaying some of the symptoms of its faltering Asian neighbours, including huge empty office blocks in Beijing and Shanghai. Demand for its manufactured goods is declining as currency devaluations in the region render them uncompetitive.

Millions of workers in state-run industries have lost their jobs, are under-employed, or are staying at home on a nominal income "waiting for work".

Rights case to earn millions for employees

MILLIONS of pounds in compensation are expected to be paid out to 1,500 public sector employees after a High Court hearing today, during which the Government will admit that Britain broke European law on workers' rights for more than a decade.

The case applies to public sector employees whose jobs were transferred to the private sector during the 1980s. Many of them were either fired or found that their pay and conditions had drastically worsened with their new employers, in direct contravention of the Acquired Rights Directive adopted by the Council of the European Communities in 1977.

Dave Bradley, a refuse col-lector, had his pay cut by £60 per week to £185, his holiday entitlement almost halved to 15 days and his sick pay and doned. Mr Bradley was also forced to work compulsory overtime and his union was not recognised by his new

employer, Britain's three biggest unions - Unison, GMB and TGWU - claim that for ten years the Government knew it was in breach of European law and that under principles set by a test case in Italy known as the Francovich principles - workers who lost out as a result are entitled to compensation.

The Government has agreed that the workers have during the 1980s Britain failed to meet its obligations under

European law.
The decision has been welcomed by the unions as a landmark change in the Government's attitude towards employment rights.

Jack Dromey, national sec-retary of the TGWU, said: For ten years Tory ministers deliberately broke the law because they wanted to promote a Dutch auction of who could pay the least to the fewest in the privatisation of public services. The public lost out as

service standards tumbled. Public servants paid the price with cuts in pay, conditions and jobs, and the relationship between public authorities and private contractors was poisoned. This case will show future governments that never again can European law on workers' rights be broken with

impunity. Roger Poole, assistant general secretary of Unison, added: "The new Government has been lumbered with a Tory legacy of illegality. Today's landmark ruling is a posthumous page in the last Government's book of injustice. Hundreds of thousands of low-paid workers who lost their livelihoods will welcome this as a signal of hope." In 1993 persistent lobbying by unions helped to force the

Government to incorporate public sector workers into the existing Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations, known as Tupe, which formerly protected only private sector

A year later the British Government was found guilty of deliberate law-breaking in the European Court of Justice, and a group of refuse collec-tors from Eastbourne, who had lost their jobs after they were transferred to the private sector, received compensation

> Although some sources have claimed the compensation expected to be paid to the 1,500 workers could total more than £1 billion, more conservative estimates suggest that the workers will receive several thousand pounds each. making the total bill to the Government several million



Tokyo links in Granada chain

BY DOMINIC WALSH

hotel development in Tokyo is the latest addition to Granada's Méridien Hotels chain. The hotel, Le Méridien Grand Pacific, is due to open next June as part of Tokyo's waterfront development with 884 bedrooms and 14 restaurants. Méridien has been awarded the management contract by the project's joint owners,

A \$1 BILLION (£587 million) Keihin Electric Express Rail- 2000, Tokyo's Grand Pacific is Peter Cardnell, Forte's London way and the Keikyu hotel group, which owns the existing Méridien hotel in central

Méridien Hotels has expanded from 58 hotels to more than 90 since Granada acquired Forte almost two years ago. This has been achieved partly by rebranding Forte Grand properties. The target is 150 by

one of 16 hotels under construction. Other locations include Mexico, Bali, Thailand, Yemen and the Philippines. ing grounds for new contracts

One of the most fertile hunthas been the Middle East and India region, where the company already has 16 hotels. It has six projects under development and 14 sites under review.

managing director, has been made managing director, Middle East and West Asia, to reinforce its position.

Meridien hopes to bolster its relatively small presence in the US by forming a marketing alliance with an established operator.

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Bupa acts fast in Care First bid battle

BY JON ASHWORTH

BUPA, the private medical insurer bidding £241 mil-tion for Care First, is to in the face of rival bids for the nursing home operator. At least two rival suitors, backed by venture capital, have expressed an interest in Care First, which last week rejected Bupa's unsolicited offer. Chai Patel, who resigned as chief executive two months ago after falling out with Keith Bradshaw, the Care First chairman, could reveal to-day that he is fronting one rival bid team. A further bid is understood to have the backing of Warburg Pincus, the US venture capital group, which would look to securitise the homes on the debt market.

which could be published as early as this week, is likely to argue that its cash bid of 150p per Care First share fully values the company. A buyer would have to assume £105 million in debt, and Bupa questions whether venture capitalists would gain adequate re-turns within the usual fiveto-seven year exit.

As a provident, Bupa would argue that it is better equipped to hang in for the long term. Abbey Life and Invesco, who together speak for 12 per cent of Care First, have pledged to support Bupa unless a higher offer materialises.

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Boeing chief faces \$1.2bn lawsuit

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

PHIL CONDIT, the executive chairman of Boeing, is facing a class action suit alleging insider trading of \$1.2 billion (£705 million) worth of com-pany shares. Boeing share-holders, including those in the UK, could win million-dollar compensation payments. The world's largest aero-

space company announced last month it was taking a \$1.6 billion charge to pay for severe production problems that would delay jet delivery. The group's share price

went into a tailspin and investors lost \$4 billion. The shareholders who filed the suit claim the chairman and a number of other executives knew of the production problems long before the announcement and must have been fully aware of them when they sold their own shares.

The shareholders also contend that the executives kept quiet about the problems to protect the stock-swap merger with McDonnell Douglas. If Boeing's share price had declined earlier, the deal may have failed. The suit alleges that in June the group had already experienced \$183 million in cost overruns which it failed to acknowledge. It

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Condit denies impropriety claims quarterly results pub-

lished on June 30, only days before the merger went through, had been falsified. Steve Berman, one of the shareholders' lawyers, said: "Management misled share-

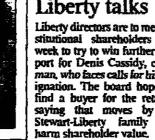
holders. When the truth came out on October 22 - well after the merger was complete - the stock market reacted violently and Boeing shareholders lost billions." British investors who bought Boeing shares between July 21 and October 22 may participate in the suit.

Mr Condit and Boyd Givan, the chief financial officer, sold more than 34,000 shares after the completion of the merger but before the profit warning. The group and its executives have denied any impropriety.

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■ Wednesday Janet Bush looks at America's strategy as the euro approaches John Grieve-Smith on the





Barclays silent on **NatWest**

Bardays would not be drawn yesterday on renewed speculation that it is pushing for a merger with NatWest, amid reports that JP Morgan, the US investment bank, has been appointed to advise on its plan.

A spokesman said: "In common with all companies, Barclays continually monitors developments within its own industry." A merger with Nat-West would bring huge cost savings, but would almost certainly fall foul of UK regulators worried about the resulting market dominance in small and medium-sized lending and credit cards.

Bardays has used JP Morgan in the past, along with LEK, a firm of management consultants, but would not comment on whether they were being retained for a deal with NatWest, reportedly advised by Lazards.

Export cheer

Britain's small and medium-

sized companies remain confident about export prospects in spite of sterling's strength, according to 3i, the venture capitalist. A survey shows that 60 per cent of respondents think that sterling's appreciation has affected their export volumes to only a small extent or not at all over the past year. Only 24 per cent reported a significant reduction. Overall. the number of companies reporting a fall in the value of exports was matched by those seeing an increase. Significantly more companies expect exports to rise than than them to fall.

Liberty talks

Liberty directors are to meet institutional shareholders this week to try to win further support for Denis Cassidy, chairman, who faces calls for his resignation. The board hones to find a buyer for the retailer, saying that moves by the

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